

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

CHRIST'S LOVE.

There's a song of praise in my heart to-day. And a gladness no words can tell. As I think of the love that is holding me, The love that can change or fall. Other friends may forgetful be, But Jesus never forgets his own. Through the years of eternity. That love revealing what tongue can express? What heart can its strength understand? A love that can reach to the depths of sin, A love that can reach to the depths of pain. He hath borne our sorrows, he hath known our griefs. He hath suffered with us below; And now from his throne he in pity looks down. To comfort all human woe. Sorrows may rather about my path, Kind friends may be borne from my side, But the arms everlasting around me fold, And still I in peace abide. He hath promised me strength for the stormy days. As well as for those that are bright— He hath hidden me rest in his loving care In the darkness as well as the light. My footsteps may falter along the path, And I may lie down to rest; But nothing can sever me from his love— In life or in death I am blest— For he knoweth each grave where his loved ones sleep. They are safe in his tender care; And though I may pass through death's gloomy vale, His love will surround me there. As the living plant to the sunlight turns, Unconscious of all beside, So my heart would forget all its earth-born joys In the love of the Crucified. Oh, I can not be satisfied until I shall see The light of his beautiful face, And hear the sweet welcome he hath for me— Forgiven and saved by grace!

THE NEW MINISTER'S WAY.

BY MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON.

"There comes the new minister, tearing down the hill like mad," said Austin Miller, to his little sister Augusta. "He's coming up our lane, he'll talk about fire and brimstone, and try to scare us as Elder Johnson used to. Let us go and hide; and the two children skurried around the corner of the low, brown house, like frightened rabbits, as the young minister strode up through the yard, in the warm spring sunshine, with his hat in one hand and a handkerchief, with which he was wiping the perspiration from his forehead in the other. "Good morning!" he said, cheerfully, to Mrs. Miller, who appeared at the door, on her way to the sheep-fold, with a tiny lamb in her check apron, and a tin basin of warm milk in her hand. "You are looking after your flock I see, and that's just what I am doing. You are one of them, I know, although I did not see you at church yesterday." "I was not there," she replied, setting down the basin of milk upon the banking that surrounded the house, wiping her hand on a corner of the apron that held the lamb, and offering it to the minister. "I used to go to church regularly, but have got off the way of it. Since my husband died I have had so much to do." "That seems to be the case with a greater part of this flock," said the pastor. "They have got off the way of it. I suppose now, if one of those sheep with its lambs should stray away, you would make every effort to find it, and bring it back." "Of course, sir; they would perish and be of no use to any one, if allowed to stray away by themselves." "How much better is a man than a sheep?" replied the minister, so quickly, that the woman colored; seeing he was frightening her, with her own weapons that she had put into his hands. "Nearly my whole flock is astray," said the young minister. "I am like a man who should be put in charge of a large flock of sheep, but the owner should say, 'You will not find them in the sheep-fold; they are scattered, sheep, lambs, and all, far and wide, over the hills and in the valleys. They are mine, every one of them, although some may be claimed by another master. It is your business to look them up and get them back into the fold. You can not content yourself by standing on the hill-top and shouting at them, and comfort yourself that you have thus done your duty. They will not come at the call of your voice, or the echo of it. You have got to seek them out, and go to them, and call them back by your loving interest in them, and a little taste of the food they will find in plenty inside the fold. O, there are your lambs, Mrs. Miller," as the little boy and girl, stimulated by curiosity appeared around the corner of the house. "Good morning, my dears! I wish your mother would let you show me the shortest cut across the woods, to brother Stone's. I shall expect you and the children

at church, Sunday, Mrs. Miller. You are one of the flock, remember. The Lord is the shepherd. He has sent me here. He has a right to you and your lambs. I am responsible for you while I am here. I shall look in upon you often. Good morning, God bless you!" and with a child by each hand, he walked away, through the orchard and over the brook. "Well," I declare," said Mrs. Miller to herself, crossing the yard, and putting the tender lamb beside its mother. "I didn't ask him to walk in, he sort of surprised me so, taking it as a matter of course that I belonged to his flock. It is so long since I have taken any interest that they have all forgotten to take an interest in me. But here, I have promised to go to church, next Sunday, with the children, and I will go, too." "I don't know how our people will take your bursting in upon them so unceremoniously," said brother Stone, who met the minister and his two little guides, with whom he was by that time on very friendly terms, on a pasture hill-side. "I think, now, if you would hold a protracted meeting for a couple of weeks and get somebody to help you, it would sort of wake our people up." "I believe one of the special instrumentalities of God for the saving of souls is personal effort," replied the young pastor. "I am not a revivalist, in the sense you mean. If my work is to revive souls, I am to take them one by one, I will try the plan for a time at least." "Well, go your own way brother," said Mr. Stone. When a church gets to the pass ours has— when only a pitiable few come out to meeting on Sunday, and the Sunday-school and the prayer-meeting are given up, it is time that something should be done. They are having a powerful revival offer to Bracton. The pastor has been holding meetings, with two or three to help him, for a fortnight or more." "A year later the young pastor and his neighbors at Bracton compared notes as they met at conference. "My society and Church are in a low state," said the Bracton minister. "We had a revival a year ago, held protracted meetings, and so on, but there was no special result from it. I hear that you are doing a famous work in your new field. What has been your method?" "Personal effort," replied the minister. "I began by going from house to house, among my people, making myself one of them, interesting myself in what interested them, and drawing a needed lesson whenever I could. I always carry with me the enthusiasm of the Gospel, and try to infuse it into my face-to-face talks with men, women and children. I am so satisfied by making a yearly or a quarterly call upon my people, I am right around among them, looking after them. They expect me at any time. I try to impress upon my Church members that they have each a personal duty toward every unconverted person they meet; that it is their duty to ask every one to church and prayers, and class-meetings, and that it should be their pleasure to do so, as much as to ask them to the caucus, or literary club or lyceum. This plan has worked well with me. We have additions to the church every communion. Our prayer-meeting is well sustained, and we have full and interesting class-meetings and Sunday-school. To be sure, I haven't had time to give them very profound sermons, but they have had the Gospel, pure and undefiled, I trust, and seem to find fruit in it. Every Christian should be a preacher, standing ready by tongue or pen to proclaim Christ's truth and love to all with whom they come in contact—not by a long, dry set speech; but by a few bright kind, sympathetic words, that are the very sunshine of their daily life, shining forth from their heart.—Western Chris. Adc.

ENTHUSIASM.

The most of the good that has ever been wrought in this world has been by men who have been counted as enthusiasts. Some grand idea has come to them, and day by day, and year by year, they have toiled to reach the goal that has beckoned them onward. The New World would never have been discovered had it not been that a man filled with enthusiasm guided the little fleet westward till the tropical glories of the islands of the southern seas burst upon his enraptured vision. "In

olden days men were first moved to undertake the Crusades by the exhortations of an enthusiast who had never cared to examine the dangers before taking upon himself the responsibility of inviting the chivalry of Christendom to the task of recovering Jerusalem from the Saracens. Enthusiasm made Peter the Hermit insensible to difficulties."—Mirabeau, that incarnation of enthusiasm, when told by his secretary that a certain thing needing to be done was impossible, replied, *Ne me dites jamais ce bête de mot!* (do not use that beast of a word to me), and the impossible thing was done. What this cold, skeptical, Christ-hating age needs on the part of all God's people is an inspiration of enthusiasm; an enthusiasm for the faith once delivered to the saints, for the imperilled truth, for the old-time experience of salvation, for the aggressive works of the Church, for the rescuing of perishing souls, for the subjugation of this world to the Lord Jesus. O that the breath of God might banish coldness and indifference from all hearts, and fill all saints with a zeal, an enthusiasm that shall be quenchless!—Anon.

GLEAM ACROSS THE WAVE.

The Rev. Spencer Crompton, the earnest evangelical minister in Boulogne, France, relates the following incident: "During a voyage to India I sat one dark evening in my cabin, feeling thoroughly unwell, as the sea was rising fast, and I was but a poor sailor. Suddenly the cry of 'Man overboard!' made me spring to my feet. I heard a trampling overhead, but resolved not to go on deck, lest I should interfere with the crew in their efforts to save the poor man. 'What can I do?' I asked myself, and instantly unhooking my lamp, I held it near the top of my cabin and close to my bull's eye window, that its light might shine on the sea, and as near the ship as possible. In half a minute's time I heard the joyful cry, 'It's all right; he's safe, upon which I put my lamp in its place.' "The next day, however, I was told that my little lamp was the sole means of saving the man's life; it was only by the timely light which shone upon him that the knotted rope could be thrown so as to reach him." "Christian worker, never despond, or think there is nothing for you to do even in the dark and weary days. Looking unto Jesus, lift up your light; let it so shine that men may see; and in the bright resurrection morning what joy to hear the 'Well done!' and to know that you have unawares saved some soul from death!"—Christian Herald.

THE BLIND SINGER AND HER SAVING SONG.

REV. R. H. HOWARD.

A story is told of a wayward youth who, after several years of wanderings, had returned to his native village. Still unrepentant, unsubmitted, it was no part of his intention to seek his father's house, and make a humble confession of his fault, and seek forgiveness at the hand of the fond parent he had, by his disobedience and waywardness, so grossly wronged. He would simply take a hurried glance at the loved scenes of his boyhood, and then, unrecognized, unknown, turn away again, and perhaps forever. The day is drawing to a close. He is about to take his departure. He passes the old church within whose consecrated walls he has spent so many pleasant Sabbaths with his family in other days. The door is ajar. He will just enter and take a look on the familiar, though somber scene. He quietly passes along the aisle. He seeks the old family pew. There still remain the well-known, well-worn family books and Bibles and Psalters. He sits down for a moment. Happy memories of other days come thronging back upon him. Again the faces of the family group are before him. For a moment the flood of tender recollections threatens to break down the obstinate barrier of pride, and allow the current of his better nature, so long repressed, free and full course; but with a great effort he overcomes his weakness, and resolves that without further delay, he will continue his journey; when lo! suddenly from the organ loft, there comes a strain of wondrous melody. Whose could be the fingers, thus unexpectedly at this untimely hour, so deftly unhooking these slumbering, heavenly melodies? He had seen, had

heard no one enter the church. Was it an angel, with a halo resting on its golden head, that was seated at the organ? As the fragrance of sweetest flowers diffused itself through a chamber, so stole that delicious music, that evening, out into that old church and into that young man's heart. Lightly the player's fingers touch the keys, eliciting therefrom doubtless a response to the peace and trust that filled her own soul, the echo of which meanwhile found its way to the heart of her unknown, unsuspected listener, the hitherto obtuse, unrelenting prodigal.

"Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee." Ah! how often in other days, on a Sabbath evening, had this now wretched youth sung these same words, with his dear mother at the piano, and the children all fondly gathered around. But hold! the strain changes, and now, sweetly almost as an angel's whisper,

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee" is wafted through the echoing spaces of the church.

Could it be that this glorious hymn was intended expressly for him? Once again the music changes. Eagerly now he listens for the words. Tenderly and pathetically the child voice sings,

"Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee."

And, now, for a moment there is a hush. But presently the fingers of the fair singer once more press the keys, and touching a triumphal chord, while her fine voice rings forth in joyous jubilee, she sings, "There is a fountain filled with blood; Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains. Thou dying Lamb, thy precious blood Shall never lose its power; Till all the ransomed church of God Are saved, to sin no more." "To sin no more, To sin no more."

Most lovingly lingers this angelic voice on this glad refrain, "To sin no more." Meantime this same blessed note is beginning at length to sound down through the dark, despairing depth of this young man's soul, while tears of penitence and contrition are freely coursing down his youthful, yet weather-beaten face. Knocking now all by himself in that old family pew, this at present deeply convicted sinner, for the first time in long years, makes mention of the name of God in prayer.

Rising presently from his knees, the fact dawns on him, that his soul is actually glowing with God's touch of peace. He is happy. He feels singularly solemnized, cheered, elated. The conviction begins to be borne in upon his mind that he is a changed man, Halleluia!

But where now is that sweet-voiced visitant only a few moments since so great a blessing to our reckless, abandoned one? Of her, alas! he can discover no sign. The organ is closed. The church is empty and deserted. The sunshine, meantime, has faded away, and the evening shadows are gathering thickly in the corners and about the tall columns. He is all alone. Can it be that he has been the victim of some enchanting delusion, some romantic dream? No, no. The joy, the wondrous peace with "the awe that dares not move," pervading his bosom, assures him that some, how heaven has come to him, and that he now steps out into the world a "new creature." Ah! what gladness reigns now in that home where so recently only sadness had prevailed! Strangely, yet in God's own good way, the dead is once more alive, and in a two-fold and most blessed sense, the lost is found.—Christian Companion.

THE MOST INTERESTING SIGHT.

One day, the Rev. Henry Venz, author of the "New Whole Duty of Man," told his children that in the evening he would take them to see some of the most interesting sights in the world. They were anxious to know what it was, but he deferred gratifying their curiosity till he had brought them to the scene itself. He led them to a miserable hovel, whose ruinous walls, and broken windows, bespoke an extreme degree of poverty and want. "Now," said he, "my dear children, can any one that lives in such a wretched habitation as this be happy? Yet this is not all, a poor young man lies upon a miserable straw bed within it, dying of disease, at the age of only nineteen, consumed with constant fever, and afflicted with nine painful ulcers." "How

wretched a situation!" they all exclaimed. He then led them into the cottage, and, addressing the poor young man, said, "Abraham Midwood, I have brought my children here, to show them that it is possible to be happy in a state of disease and poverty and want; and now, tell them if it is not so." The dying youth, with a sweet smile of benevolence and piety, immediately replied, "Oh, yes, sir! I would not exchange my state with that of the richest person upon earth, who was destitute of these views which I possess. Blessed be God! I have a good hope through Christ, of being admitted into those blessed regions where Lazarus now dwells, having long forgotten all his sorrows and miseries. Sir, there is nothing to bear, whilst the presence of God cheers my soul, and whilst I can have access to him by constant prayer, through faith in Jesus. Indeed, sir, I am truly happy, and I trust to be happy and blessed through eternity; and I every hour thank God, who has brought me from a state of darkness into His marvellous light, and has given me to enjoy the unsearchable riches of His grace!" The impression made by this discourse upon his young hearers was never effaced.

GOING TO PRESS.

Wm. A. Jones, foreman of the New Orleans Times, died recently. Just before his death he became conscious for a moment, and in that gleam, dwelling upon the habit of his life, he suddenly exclaimed, "The ads are all right, Sherman; lock up the forms and let's go to press!" Fellow man, a moment longer, On the dying printer's speech: For it bears a weighty lesson, Our unshaking hearts to teach. Day by day thou art composing What a universe shall read; Type to type art careless setting, As thou art loath to read to dead. Ah, how surely life's full columns, When the hand that set them lies Fixed in an unbroken stillness, Their composer avertice. Soon the forms are locked forever, Changeless shall the impression be; Scan thy proofs in time, O printer! Thou art man's eternity. Are the "ads" all right, composer? Art thou standing justified? Ready now for death and judgment, Their unfinished to undo? So shalt thou, as night advances, Greet thy bustling Pressman's call; Then await the moon eternal, Publishing thy facts to all. —Rev. L. N. Carman, in Standard.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

JOHNNY'S SEVEN MINUTE SERMON ON PATIENCE.

BY REV. J. T. BROWNELL.

Johnny was seven years old, and his brother Willie was almost five. Johnny took his stand on a stool, with the sewing machine in front of him for a pulpit, and with Willie, sitting in a huge chair on the other side of the room, for his congregation.

When all was ready, and Willie had got through fussing with the rag on his sore finger, Johnny began his sermon by saying: "I will make a few brief remarks onto a short text—'Be patient.' Firstly, be patient to everybody." "Must I let all what's bigger'n me push me 'round just's they's a mind to?" "It isn't proper to talk in meeting," replied Johnny, "because it disturbs the services. But papa and mamma are bigger than you; and they don't push you around either. They only put you out where you don't belong to. And Maggie—she's bigger than you; and she can't have a little tow-head between her and the board when she's mixing bread, and between her and the kettle when she's frying doughnuts, and between her and—" "I ain't a tow-head," chimed in Willie. My hair is just as black as—as—" "As flax," suggested Johnny. "Yes, sir-ee, just as black as flax!" repeated Willie, in a tone of triumph. "And then," continued Johnny, "there's me that's bigger than you. But I don't push you around, though." "Preachers ought to tell the truf," exclaimed Willie, with a sharp look at the speaker. "Well!—let's leave that point and pass on to the next. There are those big boys at school—a good deal bigger than you or me, too. One of them pushed me down in the mud one day and hurt my arm. I couldn't help crying; but I didn't get angry and call him names. I told him I was ashamed for him to do such a thing, because I wouldn't pitch into a littler boy than me. And then he came and helped me up,

and took his handkerchief out of his pocket—just as clean and white—and wiped the mud all off from my sleeve and whispered to me that he was real sorry, and that he would never do such a mean thing again. That's what it means where papa read 'tother morning in the Gospel of St. Peter: 'Ye do well if ye take it patiently, when ye are buffeted for nothing.'"

"Secondly: Be patient everywhere." "When I burn my fingers, musn't I holler?" exclaimed Willie. "If you don't stop your interruption I will have to call you 'Guitean,' and that will be worse than to call the police. Of course, when you burn your finger you may holler some; but when mamma gets the rag ready to tie it up, you musn't jerk it away and scream so as to raise the neighbors. And when you play with Jimmie Dickson you musn't get pouty because he can run faster than you. And when you want to come into the house you musn't kick the door and scream—'Let me in, why don't you?' And when dinner isn't most ready you musn't—" "Dear me," broke in Willie, "isn't this sermon almost over?" "Thirdly: Be patient always. When you get up late in the morning, and your breakfast is all cold because you didn't come when you was called, and when I can't find the button hook because you hung it on the morning-glory vine, and—what more shall I say?" "Say amen!" shouted Willie. Just then the door opened softly, and pussy came walking into the room. Willie sprang forward, took pussy up in his arms and ran off to find his mamma, telling puss as he went, "I can be patient to everybody, and patient everywhere, and patient always—cept when you scratch me, you naughty kitty, and when Johnny preaches a awful long sermon."

And so the meeting closed without the benediction.—Christian at Work.

THE LITTLE HERO.

Can a boy be a hero? Of course he can, if he has courage and a good opportunity to show it. The boy who will stand up for the right, stick to the truth, resist temptation, and suffer rather than do wrong, is a moral hero.

Here is an example of true heroism. A little drummer boy, who had become a great favorite with the officers, was asked by the captain to drink a glass of rum. But he declined saying, 'I am a cadet of temperance, and do not taste strong drink.' 'But you must take some now,' said the Captain. 'You have been on duty all day, boating the drum and marching, and now you must not refuse. I insist upon it.' But still the boy stood firm and held fast to his integrity.

The Captain then turned to the Major and said: 'Our little drummer-boy is afraid to drink. He will never make a soldier.' 'How is this?' said the Major in a playful manner. 'Do you refuse to obey the orders of your Captain?' 'Sir,' said the boy, 'I have never refused to obey the Captain's orders, and have tried to do my duty as a soldier faithfully; but I must refuse to drink rum, because I know it will do me an injury.'

'Then,' said the Major in a stern tone of voice, in order to test his sincerity, 'I command you to take a drink, and you know it is death to disobey orders!' The little hero, fixing his clear blue eyes on the face of the officer, said: 'Sir, my father died a drunkard; and when I entered the army, I promised my dear mother that I would not taste a drop of rum, and I mean to keep my promise. I am sorry to disobey orders sir; but I would rather suffer anything than disgrace my mother, and break my temperance pledge.' Was not that boy a hero?

The officers approved the conduct of the noble boy, and told him, that so long as he kept that pledge, and performed his duty faithfully as a soldier, he might expect from them regard and protection.

At a lawn party a few days ago, a little boy three years old, had his first taste of ice-cream. "Mamma," said he, "why don't you warm this puddin'—it is so slippery!"

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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The delegates from the East to the General Conference now in session were divided into bands. Newfoundland brethren formed the advanced guard westward, to be followed by the delegates of the other Conferences. Some of these proceeded by the International, while others travelled via Yagpouth and the United States. The editor of this paper had no choice in the matter and joined a party travelling by the former route.

Looking out in the morning near the pretty town of Bathurst we sought to see all that could be seen from platform or window—a somewhat unsatisfactory mode of seeing a country. For just as you may ask some friends, "Are those exports?" a few spruce bushes may be all that can be seen, or as he calls your attention to some pretty spot you are only conscious of the shade of a snow-shed. The waters of the Baie Chaleur, the pretty scenery of the Restigouche, and the beautiful valley of the Metapedia—as natural a place for a railway as the Fastnet Rock for a lighthouse—having all at length been left behind, we reached Rimouski, where a number of passengers left our train to take the Parisian for Europe. How the present modes of travel make distance of little importance! "How far to Quebec?" was asked at Riviere du Loup. "One hundred and twenty miles," was the reply. To us that was only a matter of a few hours; to our fathers it would have meant two or more weary days of travel. There was little variety in the scenery. Long riband-shaped farms, French dwellings with tiled roofs and comfortable air, large Roman Catholic chapels—in some cases with the priest's house added, somewhat in the style of those Methodist parsonages which gave the preacher opportunity to step from his study to the pulpit, were the staple objects to be seen.

Sunday at Quebec was an emphatically wet day. In the morning, Rev. A. B. Chambers, pastor, preached a good sermon to a very small congregation, and in the evening, the Rev. John Cassidy, of our company, occupied the pulpit to the satisfaction of both citizens and visitors. The church is a fine stone building, built about twenty years ago, at a cost of \$50,000. Two smaller churches would be better suited to a city where our people are so scattered, and from which so many Protestants are removing through objections to the almost complete dominance of Roman Catholicism.

A quaint old city is this Quebec as we saw it in the sunnier light of Monday—the city from the citadel, and the harbor from the splendid Dufferin Terrace. At almost every step friends halted to call attention to some place of note, thus reminding one of those spots, so common in Europe, and so rare in America, where the fate of a country trembled in the balance. Think of the Quebec city fathers permitting a race course on the ground where Wolfe led on his men to the attack which decided the British right to rule the territories of our present vast Dominion! Yet so they have done.

Our expected short glance at Quebec from the steamer grew into a long wearisome waiting. Five o'clock passed, then six, seven, eight, and we were still at the wharf. As delegate met delegate each seemed nervous. There was no margin for delay, and failure to connect with the Grand Trunk train of the next morning meant absence from the opening session of the Conference, and in some cases the loss of an opportunity to score a point against the terrible changes threatened to our polity. Captain and purser were diligently interviewed. At last the former chose the via media, not always the best, for at Montreal the delegates were to find the train three hours on the way to Toronto, and the summer visitors, whose coming had caused all the delay, to learn that a part of their luggage had been left at Quebec. The delegates met expected delay with resignation. One that I saw did not know what might happen the North Shore train which some had taken, and hoped that the Grand Trunk train might be delayed, but, as D'Israeli remarks, "the expected seldom happens." Another interpreted the prohibition, "Il est defendu de fumer," as one forbidding "fuming," and administered counsel more worthy of ad-

miration than was his knowledge of French. In the meantime, unknown to us, had come to a passenger a night which should never be followed by morning. Death delivered his message to him on the Montreal.

After a few hours at Montreal, one of the finest cities of its size on the continent, of which we had a magnificent view from the "Mountain," we took the night train for Toronto, and thence the next day for Hamilton. A brief call at the residence of our kind host—a member, by the way, of another Church—and we made all possible haste to the Centenary Church, where the

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had that morning begun. Looking for Eastern men, who were grouped together, as were others, an arrangement wisely disturbed by a subsequent motion of Dr. Douglas, we were warmly greeted. "You ought to have come with us," said the men who had taken the North Shore train. "We had a splendid trip," said the men who had come by the Yarmouth route. With a little more such badinage we soon settled down.

A glance at the centre of the platform, as I entered the door of the fine church, revealed to us what we had not known, that Dr. Rice had been placed by his brethren in the Conference Chair. I had met him, years ago, when on a visit to his early home at Woodstock, N. B., and instantly recognized him. His name had been mentioned at the East, but those who professed to know, deemed his election altogether unlikely—so little can the wisest foretell about elections in any quarter. "Perhaps," was the remark of one of the late delegates, "our presence here might have changed matters." "Providence, Providence," was the reply, a remark with which we were not at all inclined to join issue. Probably Dr. Rice, however, did not anticipate the honor, for he made no formal speech till the following morning. That he accepted it with satisfaction there can be no doubt. No man merited it better. There was just a little mischief in his assurance to Dr. Williams, his closest competitor: "I am glad you are Vice-President." Dr. Inch is the only Maritime Provinces delegate indulged in an official chair and privileged to wield an official pen.

Business is not yet proceeding with rapidity. Four years have passed since the last session, and many of the delegates are new at their work. All the Standing committees and a number of special ones have been appointed. Great importance was attached to that on Methodist Union. The Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which has just been held in this city, has taken up this subject in such a fraternal spirit, and shown such readiness to meet other branches of Methodism that it comes before our own body as one of the most important topics to be dealt with. A short discussion this morning on a motion of Rev. S. Bond, having reference to the rights of Annual Conferences, shows that on that subject also there is likely to be protracted debate.

The M. E. Church, recognizing the difficulties in the way of immediate union, have wisely proposed the meeting of committees from the several branches to make such arrangements as shall prevent the planting of Methodist rival churches in the North West.

On Wednesday evening Rev. Dr. Williams preached an earnest sermon from, "Christ whom we preach." At its close the Lord's Supper was administered. Last evening a largely attended and very interesting Educational meeting was held in Wesley Church. In the list of speakers were J. R. Inch, Esq., LL.D., and David Allison, Esq., LL.D.

Dr. Pickard, whom we were glad to have as a fellow-passenger over part of the route, is here in connexion with the Supernumerary Fund. He was called to the platform yesterday morning when he gave a brief address.

SUNDAY RAILWAY EXCURSION.

From our Newfoundland exchanges we learn that the railway authorities have yielded to the pressure of appeal from the pleasure-loving portion of the people, and have commenced the running of excursion trains on the Sabbath. Against this unwarrantable desecration of the Lord's day, a manly protest has been entered by the Protestant press and clergy of the country. The result has been a discontinuance of the nuisance

for the present. It is well for the Company to remember that they cannot thus openly encourage the violation of God's laws, without running counter to the moral sentiment and feelings of the best people of the colony, and that it will be to their advantage not to encourage any such proceedings. We earnestly hope that agitation on this subject will not cease, until a pledge has been obtained, that the evil complained of, will not be repeated.

CHRISTIAN MISSION TO SEAMEN.

The First Annual Report of the Halifax Christian Mission to Seamen has been published, and clearly shows that though "the Clergymen, City Missionary, Bible Women, and S. S. Teachers" do much to overtake the masses in our city, there is abundant room for special missionary operations among the seamen entering our port. The Missionary, Mr. John Grierson, is an indefatigable worker, and is greatly in love with his work. During the year he has circulated 31,500 tracts in English, 4,039 in ten foreign languages, and 746 magazines and religious weeklies. Probably 2000 different vessels with 25,000 different men have been visited by him. We earnestly commend this Christian enterprise to the prayerful and practical sympathies of all Christian people in the city.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON, Sept. 6.

The third General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada was called to order by the President, the Rev. George Douglas, D.D. Rev. Alex Sutherland, D.D., the Secretary, read a portion of Psalm 103, Hymn 755, "And are we yet alive," was announced by the Vice-President, Dr. Rice. Revs. Dr. G. R. Sanderson and Dr. McMurray leading in prayer. The roll of delegates was called first by the Secretaries of the Annual Conferences and next by the Secretaries of the General Conference.

Dr. Rice was elected President, Dr. Williams, Vice President and Dr. Sutherland, Secretary. On motion of Rev. Dr. McMurray of the Nova Scotia Conference, a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, Rev. George Douglas, LL.D., for the satisfactory performance of his duties.

After an opening address by the President, Rev. S. E. Huestis, of the Nova Scotia Conference, inquired if it was the intention of the ex-president to address the Conference setting forth the statistics of the church. Rev. Dr. Douglas said he expected to be heard when the question named is brought up.

Considerable discussion took place on the nomination of the special committee on credentials, as reported by the nominating committee, and it was finally recommended to the nominating committee. The other reports of the nominating committee were received. Rev. S. F. Huestis, Nova Scotia Conference, said it would be better to have the committee on Superannuation consider the whole matter of the superannuation fund.

Rev. James Gray, London Conference, moved that the report be recommitted to the nominating committee with instructions to appoint two members from the eastern sections in order that they would have to report to the General Conference and the western committee would do so in like manner.

After a little conversation the subject was dropped. The Report of the General Conference Special Committee was read on the following appeals:—

From the ruling of the President of the London Conference, who ruled that the superintendent had a right to the nomination of stewards over three. Dr. Williams appealed. The committee decided that the authority rests with the quarterly official meeting.

Appeal of Rev. S. Bond against a resolution of the Montreal Conference. The appellant claimed the right of representative on the transfer-committee: appeal sustained—the transfer committee must be constituted according to the manner ordered by the General Conference of 1871.

Rev. Joseph Pascoe appealed against the President of the New Brunswick Conference, for refusing to allow his standing in the said Conference: appeal sustained.

At the afternoon session, Rev. Dr. Pickard, of New Brunswick, was introduced to the Conference and was given a vote of the Conference invited to a seat on the platform.

J. J. Rogerson, Newfoundland Conference; Rev. E. A. Stafford and Mr. W. H. Lambley, Montreal Conference. METHODIST UNION.

Rev. N. R. Willoughby, Toronto Conference, proposed that there be a Committee on Methodist Union. Rev. John Shaw thought that it would be very much wiser if this question were allowed to come before Conference in the ordinary course, and be discussed before the Committee was appointed. The Committee on Nominations might select persons who were not suitable, inasmuch as they might not know the mind of the Conference. He thought it would be premature to appoint the Committee now.

Dr. Harper, Toronto Conference, said he knew that one Methodist body had appointed a committee, which would meet shortly, and which was expecting to meet a committee of this Conference. The earlier action was taken the better.

The subject was allowed to drop, but it was subsequently brought up by the Rev. Dr. Ryckman, London Conference, when the Conference agreed that a committee should be at once appointed by the Nominating Committee.

PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME.

The Rev. Dr. Sanderson gave notice of a motion for changing the name of the Church to "Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada."

The Conference adjourned with singing and the benediction. (Owing to some irregularity in the mails, the report of the afternoon session of the first day and the morning session of the second day's proceedings of General Conference reached us too late for insertion in this number. The chief omissions are the President's address and the report of nominating committee.—J. M. P.)

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Sept. 7.—The Conference opened at 3 p.m., Rev. Dr. Rice in the chair. After devotional exercises, which were led by Rev. W. Williams, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Nominating Committee then presented the following names as revised.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—Dr. Ryckman, Judge Jones, Rev. E. A. Stafford, Sheriff Patrick, Rev. J. Cassidy, Mr. H. R. Narraway, Rev. D. Chapman, Mr. H. J. Thorne, Rev. W. W. Percival, Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Rev. J. Shaw, Mr. J. S. Lanke.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. J. Leroy, Rev. K. Croighton, Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Mr. W. Stafford, Mr. W. J. Porte, Rev. Dr. Fowler, Rev. W. W. Ross, Rev. J. Hammon, Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. J. B. Lane, Rev. T. G. Williams, Mr. J. McLaren, Mr. W. A. Ferguson, Rev. W. Galbraith, Rev. E. Evans, Rev. Dr. McMurray, Mr. M. Trueman, Mr. W. F. Hall.

MEMORIALS.—Rev. J. Latham, Mr. R. L. Black, Rev. J. S. Phinney, Hon. W. G. Strong, Rev. J. S. Peach, Rev. J. W. McCallum, Rev. T. W. Jeffrey, Rev. L. Woodworth, Mr. R. Richardson, Mr. W. A. Monan, Rev. D. L. Brethour, Mr. W. H. Keagy, Rev. G. H. Cornish, Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Rev. G. McRitchie, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Rev. L. N. Beaudry, Mr. G. B. Bryant, Mr. A. J. Cadman.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. S. T. Teed, Rev. J. J. Weddall, Rev. Geo. Boyd, Hon. C. R. Ayre, Rev. S. J. Hunter, Rev. H. Laird, Rev. W. Watson, Mr. Geo. Kerr, Mr. A. J. Moore, Rev. J. Wakefield, Rev. W. Carson, Rev. W. J. Maxwell, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. W. Risden, Rev. Dr. Potta, Rev. A. Campbell, Dr. Lavelle, Mr. J. W. Caldwell, Mr. J. S. Smith, Rev. W. Briggs, Rev. J. S. Coffin.

TEMPERANCE.—Rev. C. Fish, T. W. Jeffrey, Rev. E. Clement, Mr. A. Hunt, Mr. G. S. Bows, Mr. H. E. Russ, Rev. W. R. Parker, Mr. Geo. Sturgeon, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Mr. S. E. Mitchell, Mr. J. Foster, Rev. Dr. Pope, Rev. W. W. Percival, Mr. J. Palmer, Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Mr. I. Horde, Rev. J. S. Coffin, Mr. H. Lambly.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.—Rev. James Gray, Rev. J. E. Carson, Rev. W. Hanford, Mr. H. M. Ryder, Mr. Parkes, Mr. D. D. Currie, Rev. J. S. Peach, Hon. C. R. Ayre, Mr. J. A. Smith, Rev. S. S. Clarke, Mr. R. S. Williams, Rev. W. H. Heartz, Hon. W. G. Strong, Mr. R. Richardson.

CHILDREN'S FUND.—Rev. L. Hooker, Mr. M. L. Pearson, Mr. W. W. Dalgleish, Rev. J. A. Rogers, Rev. C. Jost, Mr. J. N. Freeman, Rev. T. Marshall, Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, Mr. W. Heard, Rev. J. S. Peach, Rev. Geo. Boyd, Rev. J. Hunt, Rev. C. Fish, Rev. P. Addison, Mr. G. W. Webb, Mr. W. Hill, Rev. V. C. Henderson, Rev. W. McDonagh, Rev. T. Brock, Mr. C. M. Eastman, Mr. W. M. Gray.

THE LATE DR. RYERSON. Dr. Withrow moved that a committee be appointed to draft an appropriate resolution on the death of the late Dr. Ryerson.

This was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

REVISING THE LITURGY.

Rev. W. Galbraith moved, seconded by Rev. S. Bond—

1st. That the Nominating Committee be instructed to appoint a committee to see if there is any need to revise the Liturgy of the Church.

2nd. And if there is such a desirability, that it be reported to this Conference. The motion was lost, without debate.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, of Winnipeg, moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Douglas, to take into consideration the work of the Church in the Northwest, and to consider the advisability of appointing a Conference for Manitoba and the Northwest.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, in supporting the motion, said that with a view to obtaining an expression of opinion the matter was brought before the various quarterly meetings in Manitoba last year, and the three districts were almost unanimous in asking for a Conference. There is a large number of ministers, and if the country extends during the next four years as much as it has done for the past quadrennium, there will be as many ministers there as in any other Conference. In Manitoba at present the Canada Methodist Church has more than double the number of ministers that constituted the first Methodist Church in this country. (Applause.)

A great many of the delegates spoke on this motion which was then put and carried.

A CONTESTED SEAT IN THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

was claimed by Mr. W. Anglin for several reasons. He says that he was elected an alternate delegate to the General Conference by a majority of the lay delegates of the Kingston district meeting and voted in by ballot. Dr. Lavell was declared elected by the casting vote of the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Elliott, although he had not a majority of the lay delegates voting at the last meeting. The act of Dr. Elliott's, the memorialist maintained is illegal and contrary to discipline (clause 80 a). Further, Dr. Lavell was not elected by ballot as the discipline requires.

Mr. Anglin hoped that the Conference would see fit to take up his case and adjudicate.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Dr. McRitchie moved that it be an instruction to the Committee on Credentials to examine whether the lay delegate appointed at the Kingston meeting has been reported to this Conference.

RESTRICTION ON MISSIONARIES.

A memorial was read from some missionaries stationed in Tokyo, Taikiji, Japan. This memorial stated that the last Conference adopted resolutions not to let the missionaries address the Methodist public through the organs of the Church. The missionaries have to submit their letters to the censorship of the Missionary Board, which fact, the memorialist said, was doing incalculable evil and has occasioned the diversion of a large amount of interest from the Church in Japan. No other missionaries in that country suffer under a like disability and no exigency required that the Ministers should be placed in leading strings. The memorialist prayed that the disability under which they labored might be removed. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES VS. GENERAL CONFERENCES.

Rev. S. Bond gave notice that he would move the following:—

Whereas, some of the Annual Conferences had by resolution declared since the last General Conference that the majority of the Annual Conferences have by the law of the discipline the power and right vested in them to determine what acts of the General Conference do affect their rights and privileges as referred to by articles 96 and 108 of the Discipline; And

Whereas, Articles 96 and 108 provide for the enactment of measures by the General Conference that affect Annual Conference rights and privileges, and requiring them to be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote, whereby they are in force unless they shall be disapproved by a majority of the next ensuing Annual Conference; And

Whereas, this claim of the Annual Conferences to the possession of the legal power to determine what acts of the General Conference do affect their rights and privileges, even contrary to the judgment of the General Conference in the case, and to the extent of deciding by what majority the General Conference is incompetent to proceed with its business by reason of inability to know by what majorities it would be necessary to enact its measures; And

Whereas, it is desirable to set at rest as early as possible in the sessions of the General Conference this question of jurisdiction, so that it may know its rights and powers and have uniform procedure in such cases.

Be it therefore resolved, 1st. That this General Conference holds itself obligated by the discipline of the Church and the terms of the union in 1874 to respect Annual Conference rights and privileges as therein provided, so that it will enact all such measures by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting thereon.

2nd. That in the judgment of this General Conference the power and authority to determine what acts of the General Conference do affect the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences and require a two-thirds majority vote, and by the paragraphs 96 and 108, by the nature of the composition and functions of the General Conference, and by common equity given to the General Conference.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

A memorial was read from the Alumni of Victoria College praying for representation on the College Board. The Alumni have now representation

on the Senate of Victoria University and they wish to extend this representation to the College Board.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCE.

A memorial was read from the Sabbath School Board asking the Conference to appoint a man whose entire time shall be devoted to superintending, throughout the Dominion, the Sabbath School work. He would also be required to edit the Sabbath-school periodicals.

MINISTERS ENGAGED IN SECULAR PURSUITS.

A memorial was read from the London Conference concerning ministers engaged in secular pursuits. Upon motion it was sent to the appropriate Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Upon motion of Dr. Sutherland, a Committee on Church Government was appointed.

A great number of memorials were presented on the union question, nearly all of which hoped that the union would be consummated.

A memorial from the Toronto Quarterly Conference asked the General Conference to appoint the President of the General Conference as President of the Methodist Church of Canada with disciplinary powers throughout the entire connexion.

A memorial was read from Rev. A. Langford, concerning the composition of the Transfer Committee. He wanted the committee to be composed of the President of each Annual Conference, and one minister from each Conference, the latter to be elected by ballot.

The Conference adjourned after the benediction was pronounced.

EVENING SERVICE.

MEETING OF THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Educational Society in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada was held last evening in Wesley Church, when there was a good attendance. The chair was occupied by the Rev. George Douglas, D.D., President of the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, and on the platform were Rev. Dr. Burwash, Theological Professor of Victoria College, Cobourg; the Rev. Dr. Nelles, Principal of the same college; Dr. Inch, President of Sackville College, N. B.; Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education, of Nova Scotia; Prof. Shaw, of Nova Scotia, and W. E. Sandford, Treasurer of the Educational Society.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises, Rev. Dr. Ryckman conducting them, after which the Chairman introduced Rev. Dr. Burwash, who read the Quadrennial report showing the standing of the various educational institutions under the control of the society, a summary of which is given below.

The educational work of the Church embraces the following departments: 1. The theological and literary training of candidates for the ministry in divinity schools of Cobourg, Montreal and Sackville. 2. Our University colleges at Cobourg and Sackville; in which the principles of philosophy, literature and science are studied in relation to fundamental Christian truth. 3. Colleges for the education of our daughters in Hamilton, Sackville, Whitby and Stanstead. 4. In the Stanstead college and Mount Allison academy provision for the intermediate education of boys, and in Newfoundland a complete system of primary and secondary training schools in connection with the system of public instruction.

A tabulated statement of the value of property, annual income, expenditure &c. was read by the Secretary. The report shows that an annual income of \$40,000 is necessary to properly equip the universities and train the ministerial candidates, and in Newfoundland the whole educational provision for the people of the Church is embraced in the work. The Educational Society is an auxiliary to all these institutions which largely depend on it for financial aid. The net income of \$25,000 was expended as follows: Grants to students, 1879, \$4,505; paid debt, \$2,799; grants to Mount Allison College, \$1,455; to Montreal Theological College, \$2,910; to Manitoba, balance from former grant, \$125 proportion of salary of President of General Conference, \$800; interest and other expenses, \$739; expended by Annual Conference, \$9,985; balance on hand, \$593. The report makes a highly complimentary reference to the magnificent endowment of a chair in Victoria College by Mr. Dennis Moore, of Hamilton.

After singing, the Chairman introduced Rev. Dr. Burns, Principal of the Wesleyan Ladies' College in this city, who said he would not insult the audience by pointing out to them the advantages of education. He impressed upon them the necessity of supporting the cause of education, on which they could not be neutral. The educational institutions of the Methodist Church should be so supported as to be made equal to any other educational institutions. He concluded by a statement that Victoria College, Cobourg, had shown better work than any other college on the continent and said it should have an endowment of \$500,000.

Dr. Douglas made a happy poetic reference to Dr. Burns' speech, which elicited hearty applause, and then called upon

Dr. Inch, President of Sackville (N. B.) University, who complimented Dr. Burns and the Chairman. He had heard of the great Province of Ontario and its educational institutions. In his Province there was the disadvantage of having to draw from a greatly limited population. He went

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back to the time of Luther, Melan- thon, Knox, Wesley and others, and showed what had been done by the colleges and schools of that day in the interests of the Church. He referred to Oxford University, from which the little band went forth which had done so much toward the progress of Methodism. These denominational colleges were needed for both the ministers and laity, and he contrasted these with the pagan and monastic systems of education which dealt only with the secular without reference to the religious training. A university was necessary in the Eastern Conference. They had had many difficulties to contend against. The Nova Scotia Legislature had withdrawn the annual grant of \$2,400 and a calamitous fire had destroyed one of their principal buildings, but the people had stood by them nobly. Their endowment had been increased by \$60,000 (cheers), and they must have a suitable building and would have to appeal to them again. He paid a high compliment to Dr. Pickard and also to Dr. Allison, who had done much to make the college at Sackville more efficient than at any other period since its institution. After another hymn the Chairman introduced Dr. Allison, Superintendent of Education of Nova Scotia. The doctor said that his position in refer- ence to education was entirely unde- nominational. It was one in which a Methodist was not distinguishable from a Presbyterian or a Presbyterian from a Roman Catholic, and as he had made no preparation and the subject was one which would have to be handled by him with great care and delicacy, he would not take up much time. But for \$100,000 which had been con- tributed, in order that the educa- tional institutions would be placed on such a basis as the preceding speakers had said was necessary. They should be able to offer the Methodist youth of the country as great opportunities as any one else could (cheers), and should aim to instruct them not only in the intellect, but should seek to educate them in relation to the heart. He il- lustrated his point by showing that graduates of Acadia College went straight to Harvard, and the four years they had served in Acadia Col- lege counted as two years at Harvard. They went to Harvard to get the benefit of the instruction of their profes- sors, and because a diploma from Har- vard was like a diploma from the London College, it was current coin any- where. He hoped the people would so support them that the Methodist colleges would be able to offer as great advantages as could be found any- where. (Applause.) The Chairman then humorously in- troduced the "venerable" Dr. Nelles. (Laughter.) Dr. Nelles wished to impress upon the minds and hearts and pockets (espe- cially of the rich brethren of the laity) the necessity of supporting the educational institutions in such a manner that the youth of the country would go to the Methodist Colleges because they could there find facili- ties and advantages equal to those of any other college. (Applause.) During the last quadrennium endowments had been made amounting to about \$200,000, and yet increased liberality was necessary. The speaker then vin- dicated the liberality of the Methodists of Canada, who had given \$1 per member towards the support of the missionary cause, while the greatest Methodist body on the continent had not averaged much more than one- fourth of that amount per member. THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION. FRIDAY, SEPT. 8.—The Conference opened at the usual hour, Rev. Dr. Rice in the chair. After the devotion- al exercises the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Educational Society were then presented and referred to the Committee on Education. These reports were read at the educational meeting last evening and the substance of the report appears in another col- umn. A discussion then ensued as to the propriety of reading the reports before the Conference. Rev. Mr. Gray moved that the superannuation report be read before the Conference. SUPERANNUATION REPORT. The report stated that the income from all sources during the quadren- nium had been \$128,963, distributed as follows: 1879, \$31,402; 1880, \$33,094; 1881, \$32,661; 1882, \$32,403. The total expenditure was \$129,134. During the quadrennium the super- annuated ministers and widows have received but two-thirds of their legal claim annually. The prospects are not good for payment during the present year. The difference between the legiti- mate claims and the sum paid dur- ing the years of shortened incomes amounts to more than \$70,000. The report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Superannua- tion Fund. The Committee on Nominations then reported the following as the Commit- tee chosen on the GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.— Rev. Dr. Milligan, Rev. Dr. Pope, Hon. C. R. Ayre, Rev. D. D. Currie, Hon. W. G. Strong, Rev. W. C. Brown, Rev. T. W. Smith, Rev. G. D. Douglas, Dr. Allison, Mr. G. G. Bryant, Rev. J. Gray, Rev. Dr. Ryckman, Rev. J. Graham, Mr. J. Lister, Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Rev. J. J. Hunter, Mr. J. Macdonald, Mr. J. Edwards, Rev. Leroy Hooker, Rev. George McRitchie, Rev. Dr. Williams, Mr. J. Mills, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Rev.

Dr. Jeffers, Rev. J. H. Starr, Mr. W. Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Ogden. AN EIGHT YEAR TERM. A memorial was read from the Gan- nauque District asking that a certain percentage of ministers be transferred every year and that those so transfer- red be not transferred again for eight years. Dr. Williams—I move that it be transferred to the Committee on Itin- erancy.—Carried. MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS. Rev. Dr. Withrow moved that the Blake system of Missionary collections and cards, which has been found to act so beneficially and effectively, be adopted by the Methodist Missionary Society. The system has been a great success and has worked far better than any other system which has been adopted. REV. S. BOND'S MOTION. Rev. S. Bond then asked leave to move his motion, which appears in yesterday afternoon's proceedings and of which he then gave notice. The Conference granted the permission and the motion was read. He said that he wished it discussed at the time, or that it be made the order of the day for to-morrow. After a protracted discussion. Rev. S. J. Hunter moved that it be made the order of the day for next Tuesday, and Rev. Dr. Williams moved that it be referred to the Committee on Church Government. The latter motion was at length car- ried. A discussion on the *personnel* of the Committee on Church Government then ensued and some aspersions were cast on it. One delegate remarked that it was a one-sided committee and was not at all representative. Dr. Sutherland moved that the fol- lowing names be added to the Com- mittee in order to make it represen- tative: Dr. Nelles, Judge Dean, Rev. J. Shaw, Rev. Geo. Young and Dr. Burns. He said that it was evident that the committee was not represen- tative, and if such an important mo- tion was referred to a committee that labored under such a serious disad- vantage no good would result from it. The motion was lost. Dr. Sutherland asked that he be re- lieved from acting on the committee, since he would be alone, in a certain sense, on the committee. Dr. Allison, the Secretary of the Nominating Committee, then arose to vindicate the nominations of that committee. He maintained that the Nominating Committee had done its best to secure men of different views on the committee in question. Rev. Dr. Williams moved that the Conference do now adjourn.—Carried. It was decided that the reception of Drs. Stone and Studley, fraternal de- legates from the M. E. Churches of Canada and the United States, should take place at 5 o'clock in the church. Bishop McTyeire will not be present. It was also decided to have a public meeting in the evening at which the delegates would be present. The Conference then adjourned. METHODIST UNION. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church last week passed resolutions very strongly approving of the Union movement. The whole question seems to have been fairly and frankly met, and the will of the Conference on the matter is certainly clear and unmistakable. The following is the report of the Committee, which was adopted: "Whereas, there exists in this Dominion Methodist Churches of this Dominion a desire for organized union, and "Whereas the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, at the sessions of 1870, 1874, and 1878, put on record its endorse- ment of the principles of Methodist Union, and appointed its Committee for the purpose of promoting such union, and "Whereas, the Annual Conference, as well as several Quarterly and Dis- trict Conferences, and meetings of the said Methodist Churches, have expressed themselves by resolu- tion and otherwise in favor of the union of our common Methodism into one organic body in this Dominion. "Resolved.—1st. That we hail with pleasure the desire manifested in favor of an organic Methodism in the Dominion. "2nd. While strongly attached to our present policy, and while we record our gratitude to God for the success vouchsafed unto us as a Church, especially during the last decade, nevertheless, we are convinced that if a union of Methodism is desirable, and if it is ever to be consummated, it can only be done by mutual compromise. To unite Methodism will re- quire modifications and concessions in each of these branches, and we here- by express our willingness to make reasonable concessions in order that such a union of Methodism may be effected. "We therefore recommend— "3rd. That a committee of eight- teen, composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates of this General Conference, representing equally each Annual Conference, shall be appointed by this Conference, to confer with the committees that have been, or that may be, appointed by the other Methodist bodies of this Dominion, to negotiate a union, if possible, with all, or with any, of these bodies. "4th. And your Committee recom- mend that when this General Confer- ence shall adjourn at the close of its final session, it shall stand adjourned

to meet—provided a basis of union shall have been agreed upon—in special session at the call of the Bishop and the Secretary of this General Confer- ence, to receive the report of the said committee, and to take such action thereon as may be deemed neces- sary. "5th. If negotiations for a basis of union fail, then it shall be an instruc- tion for our committee to confer with other committees and seek to devise such means of operation in the North- west by which our work in that region may be carried on harmoniously, and without double occupation of the same field."—*Christian Guardian*. PERSONAL. The Rev. F. W. Macdonald is pre- paring a biography of the late Dr. Morley Punsong. Unsuccessful speculations in rail- road stock helped the young Dr. Tyng to retire from the pulpit. He is now a life insurance agent in Paris. The Rev. I. Trotter, of Bermuda, will leave that island on the 10th Oc- tober next for St. John, N. B., having accepted a call to Grace Reformed Episcopal Church, Charlotte Street. Zion's Herald prays that the days of George I. Seney may be many "to shovel out the gold that God shovels in," as during the past three years he has given in Christian charities at the rate of thousands dollars a day. The Rev. Joseph Cook left Sydney, Australia, Aug. 10th, for the United States. He intends to visit the Sand- wich Islands on his homeward voyage, and will, probably, not arrive at San Francisco before October 1st. Rev. W. George, Baptist, who spent twelve years in Burma, and returned to Nova Scotia four years ago to re- curate his health, is now on his way back to his former field, to remain ten years. The Bridgetown Monitor says: Rev. Jas. Hart, Methodist minister, now on the Supernumerary list through ill health, has purchased the property situated in the Bridge Lane, and in- tends moving about the last of this month. Through the kindness of friends of the Grafton Street congregation, the Rev. J. Teasdale has been enabled to take a much needed vacation. He left Halifax with Mrs. Teasdale on Wednesday morning for the United States via Yarmouth, and expects to be absent four months. We hope he may return thoroughly recuperated. The death is announced of the Rev. James Tobias, one of the most con- spicuous members of the Irish Con- ference. He was in the 80th year of his age, and died on Friday, the 25th of August, at Sandymount, Dublin. For some months his strength had been gradually declining. He was a man of marked individuality and sprightliness; one, who, in America, would be described as a "towering personality." Few men were better known, or more highly esteemed and beloved. The Rev. Wm. Cather, who enter- ed the ministry the same year as Mr. Tobias, has just started on a visit to friends in Canada. He sailed last Saturday in excellent health and spir- its. The following note of Sept. 2nd, is from Rev. J. F. Betts, formerly of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, but now in Birtle, Manitoba: "DEAR BRO.—I will write you at greater length by and bye. Have no time now. We arrived safely after a long and tedious journey having been delayed eight days on the way. I think this country is the very place for a man with small capital and ordinary perseverance to emigrate to, or even the man without capital. Men find plenty of employment at good wages and do not have to work harder than in the Maritime Provinces. We are all in very good health. Baby is poorly, but God is good to us. LITERARY, &c. The "Guide to Holiness" has been so long occupying its special field, that it requires no recommendation, fur- ther than that the September number is exceedingly rich in its feast of fat things. The "Advocate of Bible Holiness" is, in our opinion, the best periodical published on this theme, and we have no hesitation in recom- mending it to all who are desirous of "perfecting holiness in the fear of God." METHODIST NOTES. We learn from the *Maple Leaf*, that a tea-meeting was held at Hav- lock recently, when \$80 were realized for church purposes. About one hundred dollars was cleared at a tea-meeting held at Central Kingsclear on the 5th of Septem- ber, to aid in furnishing the parsonage. The children's "flower show" held on Friday evening last, under the aus- pices of Charles St. Church, was in all respects a complete success. Fully five hundred entries were made, the children thus showing their apprecia- tion of the efforts made to encourage them in cultivating a taste in horticul- ture. The young men expected from England to supply vacancies in the Nova Scotia Conference, arrived on Saturday evening in the "Hibernian." Several of the city pulpits were sup-

plied by them on Sunday with great acceptance. The following are their names, as they appear in the plan of services for next Sabbath: James Batty, J. H. Buttrick, T. C. Hooper, R. W. Hudgell, and T. Wootton. We gladly welcome these brethren to our Conference, and sincerely hope that they may be abundantly useful. They will remain in the city until the close of the General Conference, and on the return of the President, Rev. W. C. Brown, will be appointed to their dif- ferent spheres of labor. The Wesleyan Conference at its last session passed a series of resolutions relating to the formation of the South African Missions into an Affiliated Conference. The Missionary Com- mittee had given minute and prolonged consideration to the matter; and the Conference adopted its elaborate and voluminous report. The Rev. John Walton has been appointed to inaugurate the new economy and to preside over its first Conference. Revs. Fred- erick Mason and J. S. Spencer, are to be associates and supporters of Mr. Walton in the arduous task committed to him. A farewell meeting was re- cently held, and those honored breth- ren are now on their way to their fu- ture field of labor. MIRAMICHI DISTRICT. MISSIONARY MEETINGS. Chatham, Oct. 24th: R. W. Weddall, A.B. F. Hicks and S. B. Gregg, A.B. Newcastle, Oct. 25th: Chairman, R. W. Weddall, A.B. S. B. Gregg, A.B. Derby, Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20: Chairman, T. Hicks, S. B. Gregg, A.B., and G. F. Dawson. Richibucto, Local arrangement: Chair- man and S. B. Gregg, A.B. Bathurst, Aug. 25d, 26th, Sept. 19th 20th: Chairman, T. Hicks, and G. F. Dawson. Campbellton, Local arrangement: Chair- man and S. B. Gregg, A.B. Baie du Vin, Local arrangement: Chair- man. Tabusinat, Sept. 12th: Cyrus S. Wells and S. B. Gregg, A.B. EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS. Time to be arranged for all the Circuits.— Deput. J. Deinstadt and J. H. Inch, LL.D. CENTENNIAL MEETINGS. Each Superintendent has assumed the re- sponsibility. CONTINGENT FUND MEETINGS. Chatham, Local: Thomas Hicks, Newcastle, " William Lawson. Derby, " Rd. W. Weddall, A.B. Bathurst, " Isaac Howie. Campbellton, " Thomas Hicks. Baie du Vin, " George F. Dawson. Tabusinat, " S. Busby Gregg, A.B. ISAAC N. PARKER, Fin. Secy. ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT. MISSIONARY MEETINGS. St. Stephen, Local arrangements. Milton, Nov. 21, 22, 23: Chairman and W. B. Thomas. St. Andrews, Time, Local: Chairman and W. B. Thomas. St. David, Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20: Chairman, W. B. Thomas, and J. F. Estey. St. James, Oct. 23, 24, 25: Chairman and W. B. Thomas. Cocabec, Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28: E. Stackford, and A. Lucas. EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS. Deputation—Brethren Chairman and W. Dobson. Time, local arrangements on all the Circuits. CENTENNIAL SERVICES. The District having fully considered the call of Conference respecting the Cen- tenial celebration of Methodism. Resolved, That each Superintendent of Circuits and Missions bring this scheme before his people by a special address or Ser- mon on the subject, and also appeal to the people by slips circulated through the congregations for subscriptions toward this object. C. W. DUTCHER, NOTE—Members of the District are re- quested to preserve this issue for reference. C. W. D. ANNAPOLIS. MISSIONARY MEETINGS. Annapolis, Local arrangements. Bridgetown, Oct. 22. Middleton, Oct. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20: Revs. Taylor, Ryan, J. Johnson, and T. Leggie. Aylesford, Oct. 23, 24, 25, 26: Revs. Chair- man, Doan, and Strothard. Berwick, Oct. 24, 25: Revs. R. A. Daniel and Langille. Canning, Local Arrangements, Hillsburg, Local Arrangements. Digby, Revs. R. Tweedy and D. W. John- son. Weymouth, Nov. Local arrangements. Dwy Neck, January: Revs. G. F. Johnson and Ainley. D. W. JOHNSON, Fin. Sec. HALIFAX DISTRICT. CENTENNIAL MEETINGS. Halifax, North, October 15, 16: J. Lathera. " South, " 17. " North, " 18, Mission' Com. Dartmouth, Oct. 23. Windsor, Oct. 23. S. Coffin, A. S. Tut- tle, G. O. Hucetta. Hantsport, October 23: J. McMurray, J. J. Teasdale, A. S. Tuttle. Horton, October 24: T. D. Hart, B. Mc- Arthur. Kentville, October 25. Newport, " 25: J. Lathera, G. O. Hucetta, R. Watson. Avondale, Oct. 25: J. S. Coffin, R. Brecken. Burlington, October 24. Walton, Local arrangements. Bermuda.— St George's, Local arrangements Hamilton, F. H. W. PICKLES, Fin. Secy. GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES. Five hundred conversions are an- nounced at Oswego, N. Y., as the re- sult of the evangelistic labors of Mrs. Maggie Van Cott. English Methodism has in her theo- logical colleges upward of 200 young men preparing for the ministry at home, and the mission work in foreign lands.

The results of the revival with which the Oxford circuit (England) has been lately blessed, are an increase of 157 members, with 300 on trial, and the projection of two new churches in parts of the city where Ritualism is paramount. The Presbyterian Church of Canada is endeavoring to follow the immi- grants who are pouring into Manitoba. The Presbytery is trying to establish a Building Fund of \$100,000 to build Churches in the Territory, and already \$65,000 are subscribed. The corner stone of a new Baptist church at Fredericton, was laid on the 2nd inst. by Mrs. Spurden, widow of the late Dr. Spurden. Rev. M. Craw- ley, Baptist, Rev. Mr. Mowatt, Presby- terian, and Rev. Mr. Wadman, Methodist, took part in the services. An exchange says: "In 1863 a soci- ety was organized for the propagating of the Holy Scriptures in Russia. They have since that time put 7,000,000 volumes in circulation. The seed of divine truth is taking root among all the tongues and tribes of earth." Bishop Simpson laid, recently, the corner stone of the new Madison Avenue Methodist Church in New York city. It is expected that the building will be finished early next spring; the chapel will be ready for use before winter. The entire cost will be \$225,000; \$150,000 is already in hand. GLEANINGS, &c. THE DOMINION. About eight hundred barrels of oysters have been already shipped from Summerside, P. E. I. Thirty horses from P. E. Island passed through St. John, N. B., on Tuesday last, en route for Boston. Ten thousand tons of iron ore has been shipped from Salmon River, N. S., to New York this season. Tracklayers on the main line of the Canada Pacific Railway have crossed Moose Jaw Creek. Efforts for the establishment of a deaf and dumb school at Fredericton have been completely successful. The enterprising town of Moncton, N. B., is about to build a public hall with a seating capacity of 1200. A second furnace is about to be started at the Londonderry iron mines. This will largely increase the export of ore. The fires in Lunenburg county have done very material damage, consider- able grain and much fencing and lum- ber land being destroyed. A number of depositors in the Bank of P. E. Island, met Tuesday evening and their unanimous opinion was in favor of thoroughly sifting and in- vestigating the affairs of this Bank. In Queens Co., N. S., over one hundred tons of meadow hay have been destroyed by the recent fires, besides thousands of acres of valuable timber land. Fall orders to the extent of \$25,000 are waiting to be filled by the Amherst Boot and Shoe Company. Their men are working extra-time and are not able to meet the demand upon them. The Moncton Knitting Factory is getting to work. Only 6 hands are now employed, but it is expected that 100 will be at work there before win- ter. Warps are supplied by Parks & Son. Tenders have been received and contracts awarded for clearing and grading ten or twelve miles of the Ox- ford and New Glasgow railway. The contractors agree to finish this work by the first of March. The Berthier beetroot sugar factory on which \$300,000 of French capital was laid out a year ago, was sold by the sheriff recently for \$76,000 to a Montreal syndicate of capitalists to turn it into a refinery. The Winnipeg Free Press says that granite, the equal of any Scotch granite, has been discovered in the region of Rat Portage. It is credited with taking a splendid polish, and presenting a very handsome appear- ance. Photographic counterfeits of \$5 Bank of Nova Scotia notes are in cir- culation throughout New Brunswick, but it is believed, in small numbers. Some of them may find their way to these parts. The counterfeit is of the issue prior to 1881. The Science Congress, Montreal, was attended by over 900 people. The papers read, or held as read, were numerous, varied, and many of them of great value. Over 300 new members were enrolled.—In 1884 the British Association is to meet at Montreal. The Port Elgin West Co. Woollen Mills are doing well. About thirty hands are employed. A thirty horse- power engine drives the machinery, rendering marketable from 250 to 260 yards of cloth, of varied texture, daily besides carding about 20,000 lbs of wool annually for customers. The Drinking Fountain presented to the City by the S. P. C. A. is beautiful and bids fair to be benefi- cent. It will relieve an immense amount of suffering on the part of lower animals. Men too will be glad to "take a drink" without money and without price.

The Board of Governors of Mount Allison have purchased the three acres of land, owned by Mr. Geo. T. Bowser between the Mt. Allison grounds and Salem St., for \$2,000. It is under- stood the new College Hall will be erected on the summit, or directly above the present College Hall. The sad intelligence of the loss at sea of Captain David Hilton, of the ship "John Bunyan," of Yarmouth, from New York for Shanghai, was re- ceived on Sept. 11th by cablegram from Angiero, Sava. Captain Hilton leaves a widow and one son. He was an enterprising and successful ship- master, and his loss is deeply regretted by all. GENERAL. The improvement in the health of the Archbishop of Canterbury is mark- ed. Earl Spencer has intimated that 208 of 225 dismissed Metropolitan police will be reinstated. Seventy mills in the South now work up 200,000 tons of cotton seeds, making 7,000,000 gallons of oil, worth \$28,000,000. The cotton mills of the North yield but an average profit of 7 per cent., while 18 per cent. is realized in those of the South. A despatch from Paris says the subscription for the Panama Canal Co. of 250,000 bonds of 500 francs each is considered a success. The difficulty between Japan and Korea has been arranged. Korea agreed to pay £500,000 as compensa- tion to Japan, £50,000 to relatives of the murdered subjects. Not a telegraph pole is to be seen in London, Paris or any other large cities in Europe. More than a thou- sand miles of underground telegraph lines are in successful operation in European cities. A submarine treasure has been dis- covered by the use of the diving rod of a New Jersey miner in Lake Erie. It is a schooner load of copper sunk many years ago, and estimated to be worth \$300,000. It will be news to some of our read- ers to learn that a newspaper is pub- lished in Jerusalem. Dr. Steel exhibited a copy of it at his lecture in the Protestant Hall recently. It bears the title of the *Golden Age*. This fact indicates progress in the Holy City. The correspondent of the "Nova" at Alexandria has obtained from a most reliable source the exact strength of Arabi Pasha's army. The grand total is as follows: Infantry, 44,600; cavalry, 18,000; guns, 143; rocket tubes, 18; Bedouins, 30,500. A hurricane at Galveston, Texas, on the 6th, made havoc among the shipping. Nine vessels were driven ashore at Arkansas Pass, and two schooners laden with railroad iron, were wrecked at Galveston, one of them becoming a total wreck. A large party of Albanians collect- ing on the frontier recently with the object of provoking a conflict with Montenegro, but hostilities were avoided through the moderation of the latter. The feeling between the border population of Alban and Montenegro is very strained. It is reported that while the grand cavalry manoeuvres were being con- ducted by Crown Prince Frederick William of Prussia, on the 7th inst., two French officers of high rank, in civilian dress, were arrested. They had been making sketches of the ground. The damage done by the earth- quake on the Isthmus of the 7th inst., will be greater than was first thought. The Cathedral and many of the larger buildings in Panama are badly injured. The loss in the city is estimated at several hundred thou- sand dollars. Several lives have been lost in Aspinwall. About \$12,214,000 has been spent in increasing the number of cotton spindles in the South during the year 1881-1882. Georgia has added 100,000; Alabama, 34,000; Tennessee, 24,000; Mississippi, 32,000; Louisi- ana, 21,000; North Carolina, 48,000; South Carolina, 96,000. Total new spindles 361,000. It is rumored that considerable disappointment is manifested at St. Petersburg at the turn matters have taken in Egypt. The *Golos* consoles its readers by assuring them that the drama is not yet played out, and that Russia must see that she has her due share in the spoils when the time for division comes. A despatch from Troy, Sept. 8th, says: Mrs. Burns, one of the women injured by Barnum's elephant, Em- peror which ran away in the streets here on August 3rd, died to-day. Her husband, who was also struck by the elephant, is not expected to live. Mrs. Langley, another victim, is dying. Patrick Conlon, who was thrown across the street by the elephant, has begun suit against Barnum for \$5000. On the 12th Wolesey ordered an advance of the whole army. Early on the 13th Tel el Kebir was taken. Forty guns and 3000 prisoners were captured. The estimated loss of Egyptians is 2000 killed. English loss about 200 including many officers. Arabi escaped on horseback to Zaza- zig. The governor has surrendered to the British.

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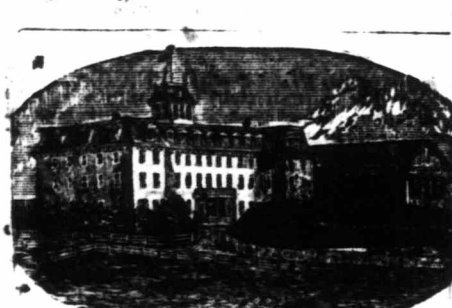
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At South Brookfield, August 19th, Fred n l Hunt, eldest son of Mr. Richard Hunt, South Brookfield, aged 21 years.
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