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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The prayer meeting should be place of brightness and glad elevation of mood and feeling. The shadow of desponding gloom is oppressive to it and the tones of pensive sadness are

abnormal to the spirit of true prayer.

Genial faces, cheerful voices, hopeful

utterances, and an elevating faith are

the life and attraction of prayer-meetings. - Irish Chr. Adv. Canon Farrar said the other day: " In spite of all the polish and all the philosophy of the Chinese. so common to this day is infanticide that one main work of the Mission Sisters of Mercy is to save the life of infants flung out to die; and only a year or two ago a

French nobleman found seven dead

children in a short morning walk in

the environs of Canton." We were recently in a neighborhood where there was a surplusage of peaches, such as they were. Their size was that of marbles. The explanation was, too many on the trees-all dwarfed. And we have been in communities where there was an over-supply of preaching-places. A cheap chapel was at every fork. And not a single good anywhere. - Richmond Advocate.

All hail to young America, returned from vacation sports to the hard work of the school room! We heartily welcome back your happy presence and voices as you throng the streets once more. A little dusty and musty the school room will appear at first, but soon everything will go smoothly again, and the "hill of science," like the "hill of Zion," will yield to you a thou-

sand rich perfumes. The Tribune makes up a "death roll" (exclusive of the loss of nearly 100,000 lives in Java) of more than from "accidents, fire and pestilence." human life!" Yet this is but a small item in the whole mortuary list for the time. Verily, "No man is sure of "Be ye also ready." N. Y.

On Sunday week the Rev. W. J. Williams, Vicar of Butterton, near Leek, observing the Rev. Jas. Drummond. Weslevan minister, among the congregation, most courteously invited him to read the Lessons. The offer, though most respectfully declined, has created a most excellent impression in the neighborhood. A similar invitation was made to a Wesleyan minister at a recent service in St. John's church. Hightown, Cheetham, and was accepted .- Lichfield Mercury.

The world is yet hungry for the true gospel. Many a reputably great preacher speaks to empty pews because he talks about those matters which are of little concern to the masses. The style of church-building does not affect the matter of men's souls nearly so much as some imagine. The church is what you find in the congregation -warmth, love, enthusiasm. Give dying sinners what they need, the love of Christ and the grace of the Spirit, and the success of our mission is assured. - Western Advocate.

May we not imagine cases where an unseemly show is made of so sacred a thing as Christian resignation—chastened grief. We recollect once to have seen and heard a man-a good man at that-singing with the congregation at his wife's funeral, and singing bass has been visiting Norway and Sweden much for our patience. Let the heart sing, yes, in the grossest darkness of ss. - Southern Chris. Adv.

It is stated that there are in the Established Church 4.000 ministers memployed. A cry has gone up this week in the Times from one of them. He quotes "a Dissenting minister of a very poor sect," who once said to You poor unbeneficed clergy are far worse off than we are." A bishthan we are." This kind of testimony is an eloquent argument. Let the reader interpret it himself.

One of the last acts of service rendered to the cause of Christ by the late Canon Battersby, of England, whose death has been recently an generously of his means, and was an nounced, was to draft the circular of earnest supporter of the old and well invitation to the Week of Prayer for tested methods of collecting moneys. 1884, in connection with the Evangelical Alliance. In handing over the draft to the Council he said how him for this work while laid aside from ported : "Smithies," said Sir Franthankful he felt that God had used pastoral duties. A peculiar interest will be associated with the document from the fact that it was drafted by one so near his end, and so greatly in this way I will tell you what I do beloved by the whole Church of Christ.

According to the Rev. R. H. Had- the yearly collection, and £5 yearly to whose rectors receive nearly \$200,000 per year, while the worshippers at the services, after deducting the officials and those who only go for what they can get, number but 3,836, and out of that number there are 706 choristers, all of whom are paid. Many of the rectories attached to the churches are rented for commercial purposes by the clergymen, who live at their ease in rural districts, while their parishes are allowed to take care of themselves, except for two of three hours on Sunday.

Yes, brother, "vacation is about over." You may pack your valise and set your face homeward. Resolve to buckle to hard work. Prepare your sermons carefully. Don't plagiarize, but, for mercy sake, do read enough to give your people some fresh ideas. No revamping of old sermons with threadbare thoughts and stale illustrations ought to satisfy you. Remember, you are to "feed the house of Realize the honor and responsibility of your calling. Please go home to your work as if it were a delight and not apenance. Puta cheerful courage on, even if you know you church edifice and fair congregation have hard battles to fight. Accept Cromwell's counsel, "Trust in God, and keep your powder dry."-Ex.

This is the way a New York paper alks about "Christian Cripples." says: "Some are without arms; they have never helped anyone over the rugged places in life. Some are without feet; they have never gone an inch out of their own way to serve others. Some are voiceless; they have never, even by a word, encouraged anyone who was cast down. Some are deafy they have never listened to the voice of suffering. Some are without hearts; they do not know 71,000 deaths in various parts of the what sympathy and generous feelings world in the first eight mouths of 1883, are. What an appearance a procession of such characters would make if It then says, "What a sermon upon they could be seen as they are on the

> other day when, instead of fining a prisoner who was brought before him in a very dilapidated and seedy condition charged with drunkenness, he ordered the man to be placed in front of a looking glass for a short time and then set at liberty. Possibly it might be a useful punishment, instead of fining prisoners for drunkenness to make them defray the cost of a good-sized vignette photograph of themselves in vino. For a drunken man when sober to see himself-as others had seen him, would no doubt have a salutary effect. - English

Rev. Edward Everett Hale said at the first meeting of the Harvard Temperance League: "I well remember the severest day of my experience when as a reporter of a daily newspaper, I reported the dedication of the Bunker Hill monument. There were ten reporters at work, and we had to take down in short hand the oration of Webster, the speeches in Faneuil Hall, and the address of President Tyler. We got to work at 10 A. M., and the one best off got done at 4 the next morning. Of those who had bottles of beer to stimulate them not one is now alive, and not one died an honorable death. The men who lived are the ones who stuck to cold water, which is the only thing for a literary man to use."—Christian Secretary.

Bishop Foster, of the M. E. Church. at that. Singing at all was bad enough, in connection with church matters. In but singing bass was just a little too a letterto the Christian Advocate, he reports Christian progress in these countries and justifies what has been called human desolation and woe, but not the "intrusion" of his own denominalips, especially do not let them sing tion into continental Europe. Regarding the religious state of Europe he says: "Ah! these lands of Northern Europe, and of all continental Europe as well, and why should I exempt insular Europe from the statement? are in great need of a better type of Christianity. . . . They need the conbetter forms of Church work and life and faith." The "churches are not meeting the wants of the peominister, "You are better endowed ple." They "will do better because our presence."

> Mr. T. B. Smithies, the founder of the British Workman and the Band of Hope was for many years a devoted Wesleyan Methodist. He contributed A characteristic conversation between Mr. Smithies and Sir Francis Lycett (who gave \$250,000 to the Metropolitan Wesleyan Building Fund) is recis, "I think we don't give enough money in our classes." "Well," said his old friend, "as you speak to me give. I give x1 a week and x10 at the and are like a single lambdy and are like a single lambdy quarterly visitation, and £5 yearly to eye to eye in all things, we should at ring one another; the feeling that looked as well as the others; they Royall, in Richmond Adv. give. I give £1 a week and £10 at the

den, of Bishopsgate, there are 61 par- the Worn-out Ministers' Fund-or ish churches in the city of London, £102 every year in the class-meeting

> An unpleasant scene took place in the Free Church, Callander, on Sunday morning. At the commencement of the service, the minister-the Rev. Mr. Bogle-having read a Psalm, said, The kirk session recommend that the congregation stand while singing, but they do not force"—— The inti mation was thus abruptly ended by middle-aged gentleman in the body of decided language, saying, "I protest against this change in the Presbyterian form of worship." The minister took no practical notice of the interruption. and the recommendation of the session was almost unanimously carried out. It may be added that the "purity of worship" in the congregation has not yet been impaired by the introduction f the Hymnal. -Scotsman.

### THE BIBLE CHRISTIANS.

The following draft of an address to the English Bible Christian Conference from the United General Conference was read by Judge Dean:

Venerable and dear fathers and

brethren,-We, the ministers and laymen delegated by the respective bodies of Methodism in this Dominion, known as the Methodist Church of Canada, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, and the Bible Christian Church in Canada, assembled at the city of Belleville on the 5th day of September instant, to carry out and perfect a scheme for a union of all these bodies into one body, to be known as 'The Methodist. filial and fraternal spirit, and in the ther were one. We wish to approach ing in with the rest of us, their brethwou as the parent. Church of one of ren, into this union. Mr. Hannay did a sensible thing the ther were one. We wish to approach these uniting churches, and to very

> sought this union. what is now Ontario. However such nity with its dense population and fixed social relations, it was found in this new country, where everyone is known personally to his neighbors, and has more or less of personal intercourse to have rural neighborhoods, vil-

Sunday evening the singing in one the hand of God in it, and felt so surecongregations were uttering their tion from the fact that you have not that brought again from the dead our the same Methodist hymn.

practicable in the one work of saving he is happiest who has the privilege of seemed bound for the same destinamen from the power of sin, and in sacrificing most, so long as no vital tion, but "one thing they lacked"-

to the astonishment of many and to proving our work, and leads us to the others at the appointed time, with all the church rising, and in hurried, yet God and the salvation of men, and speedy gifts of His grace. Beloved hour, who are making the same miswith one treasury in which to econo- ed. mize and husband our resources, and with one executive to mobilize our forces and save them from being frittered away in feeble duplications.

A scheme of mutual arrangement and concession was devised by a joint committee of all four Churches, which was accepted by such majorities of our ministers and laymen as to be practically unanimous. This scheme, by a happy combination, has embraced all he distinctive features of all the bodes. While securing to the fullest the rights of the ministry it has introduced equal lay representation in all the courts of the Church, a principle that has not until now been fully recognized by all the Churches.

And now, venerable fathers and brethren, we approach the one unhappy incident in this most delightful and lessed union.

When we met at the time fixed for the consummation of this union, those Church,' wish to approach you in a of us who represented the Bible Christian Church in Canada made the sudspirit of Him who prayed that they all den announcement that they had fail lone straggling bands, when we ought

respectfully explain to you, as far as Delegates from the four Churches know that you will give us many of we can in this brief address, some of were assembled, some coming from your children to become settlers upon the reasons why we have mutually points much more distant from each | these broad acres. The more of them other than are the frozen waters of that come the better for themselves It is not many years since six branch- the White Sea from the sunny waves and for this fair land, and we promise es of the Methodist family were car of the Mediterranean. Nearly three you to nurture them as our children rying on distinct Church work within hundred ministers and laymen had in the Lord; and to make up to them come together at large expense, and to the limit of our powers for the loss disintegration may affect the success in many cases at great sacrifice. Our of the ministration and pastoral overof religious work in an older commu- | Churches had been agitated, our con- | sight which they shall leave in the gregations or quarterly boards and old land. conferences had every one pronounced upon the question. If the Bible career as a Church with 1,523 minis-Christian Church did not come in the ters, with 110,000 members, and numwhole union must fail. We could not bering among our congregations and with them all, that it was conducive go back. We could not stand still. neither to the success of Methodism The hour had come, the supreme of this Dominion, with stations in numerically, nor to its spiritual growth | hour, as we believed, in the history of | Bermuda, with missions in Japan and the Methodist Church, of the Church lages, and small towns divided into ri- of Christ in the Dominion. The delval, sometimes even hostile, societies, egation from the Bible Christian in each of which were preached the Church gave such explanations as sat- white settler's axe may be heard or same doctrines, was fostered the same, isfied us that the matter had not been that he may be seen to rear his cabin, peculiar means of grace, and was en- brought to your attention at so early all supported by the voluntary liberforced the same discipline as to the a date as it should have been to en- ality of our people. The prospect be-Christian walk and life of its mem- able you fully to enquire into the mer- fore us is one of glorious sacrifice and its of the question, and we felt so work; the responsibility is great Our different Churches often stood strongly the wisdom and piety of this will you join with us in praying that so near to each other that on a quiet union, we thought we saw so clearly our humility and faith may be as could be heard in the other, and it ly His Spirit moving our hearts in sometimes happened that two or more this matter, and we took such consolapraises to the one God in the words of refused your consent, that, with all Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the deference to your rights, with the sheep, through the blood of the ever-It was nearly always the case in most profound respect for your hesi- lasting covenant, make you perfect in such places that one church building tation, we have ventured upon the on- every good work to do His will, workand one-half of the number of minis- ly course that we could see open to ing in you that which is well pleasing ters employed would have been an us, and went on settling the constitu- in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to ample supply for the wants of all the tion and terms of the new Church as whom be glory for ever and ever, congregations if they were but united, though no difficulty stood in the way, amen. thus leaving a large supply of men and feeling firmly persuaded in our own of our presence. This alone justifies money to be used in the many fields minds that when you were fully inaround us, which were white for the formed of all the facts, and knew of harvest, and in which the laborers the interests that would have been jeopardised had we taken any other This state of things was a reproach | course, you would approve of what we | the passengers were busy getting their | sounds, but something like that is to religion and a keen weapon in the had done, and would not only consent seats. The railway bell and repeated obliged to come. "Many shall run hands of skeptics. Happily two uni- to your Canadian sons coming in with calls from the company's officials re- to and fro, and knowledge shall be inons were effected, which, from the us all, but would give them your minded us the time for starting was at creased." How wonderful are the year 1874, has left but four distinct fatherly blessing. The 'spirit of uni-

least work together so far as might be seemed to prevail in each heart that stood on the same line of rails, they building each other up as believers. principle is touched; the melting of only one"—they had no connecting The result has been disastrous to heart to heart; the divine unction link with the engine in front. They our separate existences. At times fil- which seems to rest upon us and con- were uncoupled from the starting ling each other's pulpits and joining trols and guides our deliberations, train, and for this one cause were left in religious work, we have each found, compel us to the belief that God is ap- standing in their place, while the the joy of us all, that we were one in humble yet confident hope that He their occupants, moved along. spirit and in aim; that the supreme will mark His approval of our lowly wish of each branch was the glory of work for His glory by signal and then came the thought, unbidden into brethren, may we ask your prayers at takes for eternity as these did with our minds, born of God as we believe, the throne of the heavenly grace that the railway cars, and unless they in our nearts, that we should be one; in this we may not be disappoint speedily take warning, and "change

> especially desirous for this union at take His own people to heaven, to be this time, not only that it might de- forever with Himself. Are you sure clare the oneness of Christ in us, but | you are not one of the number ? To that it might enable us more effectual- get into a carriage is one thing; to ly to overtake the astonishing tide of get into the right carriage connected immigration which is even now set with the engine, another. So it is ting into our Great North West, whose one thing to have a profession, and hundreds of millions of fertile acres be religious, but another thing to be shall, before this generation has pas- connected : to have life in Christ, in sed away, give land to the landless union with him; to live because He millions of the Mother Country.

caring for the souls of the thousands ners. They look well, and seem as from the Motherland, and from the good as others; therefore they rest in older Provinces who shall make for them instead of God's own provided themselves homes there, who have resting place for salvation—the Lord been nurtured in the ministrations of Jesus Christ. Methodism, and of thousands more whom God would give to us as the hire of a faithful ministry-we feel that this responsibility rests upon us, train, and many have got into them, and we dare not go into that country to take part in laying the foundations en'; but none of these have of necessity of an empire, in extent and material resources greater than all Europe, as they will never reach it.

Brethren, you will not give us let Dear brethren, what could we do? or hindrance in this great work. We to spend eternity ... God's presence.

Dear brethren, we shall begin our adherents one-fifth of the population among a great part of the Indians of this country, with domestic missions everywhere that the sound of the And now, venerable and dear fath-

ers and brethren, the God of peace

"ONE THING THOU LACK. oglyphics and adopts an alphabet. The EST."

branches of our common, Methodism ty in the bonds of peace, which has the last minute, either talking with fully do they express the truth of in this country. Since that time a pervaded our deliberations; the mufeeling has been ever increasing in the tual forbearance and concession which sure there "was plenty time yet," ning business is binding the whole hearts of the ministers and laity of all has been shown by all parties in archad, in their haste, rushed into the world together. The globe gets smaller these Churches that we were all breth- ranging out of all our constitutions most convenient cars nearest the end ler every year. It will not be long, it ren, and soon it came to be the com- a new one; the glad obedience to the cf the platform they entered from. would seem, till all the sons of Adam mon feeling that if we could not see apostolic injunction 'in honor prefer- The cars were as comfortable and are like a single family. - W. W.

Reader, there are men and women in the world, living at this present cars," will be left behind at the com-Dear fathers and brethren, we are ing of the Lord, when he cometh to lives. Cars of all sorts are to be found, We feel that the responsibility of and easily found, by unconverted sin-

Cars of morality, teetotalism, churchmembership, religion, and a host of others stand near the heaven-bound and are expecting to be taken to heavany living link with Christ, therefore

Reader, be warned ere it be too late. Many have rejected the warn ing, and perished eternally. Be assured nothing will take you to heaven. but salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ. and Him alone. If you are in any other carriage trusting to your prayers. tears, resolutions, or morality, you are wrong, and most surely will be left when the Lord cometh to make up his jewels. Do at this moment I entreat of you get out of it, and as a helpless, guilty sinner, cast yourself on Jesus and his finished work, sav-

> Nothing in my hands I bring. Simply to thy cross I cling. - Watchword.

> > ONE FAMILY.

The Chinese Government are pushing their telegraph lines rapidly. There will soon be a brisk demand for telegraph operators. I wish we could open a Department of Practical Studies by 1884. Some of our young men will doubtless become telegraph operators, some civil engineers, and others will enter the various doors which begin so rapidly to open here. We must teach these young men what they need to know, in order to become powerful factors in the new civilization that is bound to come. Telegraphs will bring railroads, and railroads will make a new China. In a vast country like this, where access to distant parts is slow and painful, there is a lack of unity among the people. Men from the distant parts seem to the coast people like foreigners. Railroads will break up all this. They will change the spoken language of China, and I almost think it will be due in a large measure to them if China throws away her present hier-Roman alphabet would not alone suf-The train stood at the platform, and ffce adequately to represent the

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PRIETORS ON, at the BEYOND.

Under the grand, green palms of heaven vet shall walk. With the good and the wise of the ages past, Shall some day talk. I shall day my cross at the gate of pearl, And take my crewn, And then at the shining feet of my Lord Shall cast it down. If He smile upon me, my soul may faint With excess of blies, For the glorious King of that happy world Is the Christ of this; The very Master, whose patient feet Walked in Galilee, Over the burning wastes of sand, And midnight sea. The tender Shepherd, who far and late,

Sought wandering sheep,
And led the way to His heavenly fold Through death's chill sleep I have followed His steps so far, so faint, I fain would fear Lest I never might kneel at his shining throne, But that even here

I have His promise, steadfast and sure-The humblest one Who trusts in the Saviour's dying love, To Hem shall come. So I know, some time, I shall leave my toil, And enter rest; I know not when- I know not how-Twill be His best: So I cheer my heart through the weary days, With coming bliss, That shall compensate in the future world, For the pain of this. Instead of Marah, my lips shall drink And infinite peace from my soul erase All scars of strife.

NOT ASHAMED OF IT.

-Christian at Work.

" Zeke, why don't you swear?" inquired the foreman, as he paused a moment before the table of the " handy man" of the mill. "Weil," replied Zeke, "to tell the truth, I've given up swear-

ing."
"Where is your spit-box?" " I've given up chewing," continued the other in the same

"Anything else that you've given up?" was the laughing in-

"Yes, sir, I've given up a heart a ba .... I sin-stained as ever a man han, and I've got a new one. a clean one, in its place," replied the young man earnestly.

The foreman flushed, frowned, and departed.

Zeke wiped the sweat from his brow and turned to his work. It was no easy task for him to acknowledge his penitence for the pash and his strivings for the right, but he was glad that Le had done it.

"Look here, Zeke," said "old Tom " a fellow workman, "there's some grind, some joke in this. You hain't really turned pious, have yer? I mean, honest pious you know."

"I have certainly, Tom, as far as really meaning it goes. I am trying with all my might to be a Christian,"

"I bot a case of lager that you will swear before night, and will be chewing inside of a week," was the old man's comment.

"Oh, I hope not !" exclaimed Zeke, an almost despairing look coming over his face. "Hope not! Why don't you

say, "It shan't be so?" said his companion.

"Tom, you don't know what a fearful night it has been for me, replied the young man. "I tried for weeks to break myself of swearing, but could not. Half of the time when you fellows were laughing at my strings of oaths, I was in agony because I was breaking my resolutions. The more I tried to stop, the chicker and faster they

"How long is it since you have subdued tone.

kept on the watch, and every time that I was tempted"-

teeth hard together, and closed his eyes.

" Are you sick?" inquired his friend in some alarm. Zeke shook his head, and after

a moment said,—

if the devil just poured all the oaths in existence into my mind, and as if I must utter them."

"How do you keep from saying them?' asked Tom. "I just say, 'O Lord, drive him

leave mo. Just then the foreman return-

"Did either of you know that I " he a kc

" No " sold Zeke honestly. never dreamed it." " N .. I " raid Tom.

two company, if you don't object," said Tom wistfully. "I ain't much on such things, but I've longed for something of this sort | bons and pale rose colored satin. for many a year."

As they shook hands in parting the foreman said,-

"Now, boys, let's always be honest about this. Let folks know that we have to struggle, that we have to fight to hold our own, and that we are not ashamed of it."

### PERRY'S HINDRANCES.

There had been extra services in Dr. Foster's church for several weeks. Young and old, one after another, had yielded to the blessed influences around them, and dedicated their lives to Christ's service.

Among those who still resisted was Perry Osgood. An attentive, constant attendant at the meeting, he gave no other sign of interest. Many were the hearts that were troubled about him. many were the prayers that were offered in his behalf. Most of those who spoke to him on the subject obtained only brief, unsatisfactory replies, but finally, of his own free will, he gave his confidence to one of his schoolmates.

"I envy you boys that are going to join the church next month," he said; "I-wish I could."

"Then why don't you?" "I'm not a Christiam'

"That need not be true any longer than you let it."

"To tell you the whole trut! Rob, after all the advice and pray ers I've listened to in the last six weeks, I've no idea of the first step. They say 'Decide to love and serve Christ, and then do it;' but I can't love people 'to order,' as it were, just because I made up my mind to do it. The harder I try, the more I don't succeed."

" Begin at the other end." "What do you mean?"

mer?"

with it? friends now, aren't you?"

" Yes. " How has it happened?"

for him several times, and I had a that," and so he did. Ten cents of on the envelopes are not allowed vors; and after a while I got to liking him first rate," "Don't you see now what I

"That if I begin to do things

love him?" " Exactly? If you take Jesus at his word when he says he'll save you, and then do all you can for him, you will be a Christian. The love will take care of itself, or, rather, he will send it in his

own good time." think of it."

The result of his thinking was that on the next Communion Sabbath he stood with those whom he had envied.

## A WOMAN'S WHIM.

The Empress Josephine had six left a name that will never die. hundred thousand france for her Are there got boys and girls who own personal expenses, but this sworn?" asked the listener in a sum was not sufficient, and her one-tenth of all the money they debts increased to an appalling "Three days," was the reply. extent. Notwithstanding ine "All of my waking hours I have position of her husband, sne could never submit to greer or etiquette in her private life. She rose at 9 The young man stopped abrupt- o'clock. Her toilet consumed ly, turned very white, shut his | much time, and she lavished unwearied effort on the preservation and embeliishment of her person. She changed her linen three times a day, and never wore any stockbaskets were brought to her con-"I have to stop every now and | taining different dresses, shawls then to fight it off. It seems as and hats. From these she selected her costume for the day. She possessed between three and four draped about ner shoulders with equal grace. She purchased all away! Drive him away!' over that were brought to her, no matand over again until the thoughts | ter at what price. The evening | toilet was as careful as that of the morning; then she appeared with ed. Tom moved away, but was calflowers, pearls and precious stones in her hair. The smallest assemwas a church member, a profess- to order a new costume in spite of small courts-it a space 12 feet | ing by the day or week, 27 Wash-"Well I am, although I have wife would weep and promise to occupied almost entirely by a goods, and other articles are adbeen coid and indifferent. I wish be more prudent, after which she windowiess mud hut, covered by vertised, but the name and address wen, and I want all of would go on in the same way. It a flat roof of maize stocks mixed are wanting. They are probably the hands to know of it this is almost incredible that this pas- with clay. This diminutive structured But she didn't know any better, which was baked in your loaf of

"I kinder like to keep you exhausted itself. After the di- winter bed-room of the whole famvorce she arrayed herself with the same care, even when she saw no one. She died covered with rib-

A STORY OF TITHES. Many years ago a lad of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle which he carried in his hand. As he trudged along he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canalboat, and the following conversation took place, which changed the whole current of the boy's life: "Well, William, where are you going?" "I don't know." he answered. "Father is too poor to keep me at home any longer, and says now I must make a living for myself." "There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along finely." William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father while at home. "Well," said the o'd man, " let me pray with you once more, and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go." They both kneeled upon the tow-path (the path along which the horses which drew the canai-boai walked), the dear old man praye learnestly for William, and then this advice was given " Some one will soon be the leading soap maker in New York, It can be you as well as anyone. hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give to the Lord all that belongs to him of every dollar you carn; make an honest soap; give a full pound,

and I am certain you will yet be a great, good and rich man.' When the boy arrived in the city he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far from home, he remembered his mother's words the addition of a few kids, lambs, and the last words of the canalboat captain. He was then and "Do you remember your quar- there led to "seek first the kingrel with John Hopkins last sum- dom of God and his righteous- fortably in close proximity to the ness." He united with the church. family without any danger of bi-"Yes. What's that got to do He remembered his promise to the old captain. The first dollar with each other's comfort. "You and he are pretty good he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. He looked into his Bible, and found the Jews were commanded to give "Why, when he broke his leg one-tenth; so he said," if the Lord mother sent me there with things will take one-tenth I will give chance to do him several little fa- every dollar was sacred to the Lord. After a few years both partners died, and William came to be the sole owner of the business. He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain; he made an for Christ's sake, I shall learn to honest soap, gave a full pound. and instructed his book-keeper to open an account with the Lord, and carry one-tenth of his income to that account. He was prospered; his business grew; his famity was blessed; his soap sold, and he grew rich faster than he had ever hoped. He then decid-"You've helped me more than ed to give the Lord two-tenths; all the ministers put together. I'll he prospered more than ever: then three-tenths, then fourtenths, then five-tenths. He then educated his family, settled all his plans for life, and told the Lord he would give him all his income. He prospered more than ever. This is the true story of Mr. Col-

## AN EGYPTIAN HOME.

gate, who has given millions of

dol'ars to the Lord's cause, and

will now begin to give the Lord

receive, and continue to do so

throughout life?

Let us begin by visiting the house of a poor member of the community, so as to get an idea of Fellah life in its simplest form. In a blank wall of about eight feet ings that were not new. Huge high, composed of sunburnt bricks, and veneered with a couting of sun-dried mud, we find a smail deorthrough which no one over five or six years of age could pass without stooping. As this is the only hundred shawls, and always wore contrance, we conclude that the one in the morning, which she proprietor has neither buffalo nor any of the larger kinds of agricultural instruments, and that any hopes he may have of acquiring live stock in the future do not soar above a cat, a few barn-door fowls, and perhaps a very dimiautive denkey. A glance at the interior confirms this conclusion. bly was always an occasion for her | The enclosure consists of three the leads of drawers in the vari by 6 can be dignified by such a ous palaces. Bonaparte was irri- name connected by holes in the tor." One correspondent earefultated by these expenditures; he partition walls similar in size to would fly into a passion, and his the entrance. The first court is boots, shoes "gents" furnishing sion for dress should never have ture is at once the kitchen and Chris. Weekly.

ily, comprising a married couple. the husband's old mother, and two young children. A large brick stove, which occupies twothirds of the dark interior, is used in the daytime for baking the bread and cooking the scanty fare, and at night it serves as a bed for all the inmates. During the warm summer nights they can sleep on a bit of seed matting in one of the two other "courts." In the first of these are two hollow mud-pillars for storing the grain and other provisions, and close to these primitive provision chests sits the old grandmother churning buffalo's milk-presumably for one of the neighbors-in a kid's skin suspended by a bit of palm-tree rope from a long peg in the wall. Leaning on her shoulder is a young child, whose perfect nudity is only partly concealed by the multitude of flies which cluster on his dark brown skin, and who divides his attention between the churning operation, the unexpected strangers, and the bit of sugar-cane which he is gnawing with intense satisfaction. In the third and innermost court there is nothing but a small mud hut which represents the family treasurv. Without making a personal inspection, we can construct with to!erable certainty an inventory of its contents. There will be the gaudily-painted wooden trunk in which the wife, when a bride, brought her modest trousseau to her new home the few articles of wearing apparel and female ornament novactually in use, and some copper cooking utensils. These constitute the entire movable property of the family, unless we include under this term half a dozen lean chickens, which have been taught to subsist by their own exertions. The premises are quite sufficient, therefore, for all practical wants, and if the live stock should be hereafter increased by or even a donkey, no additional accommodation will be required, for the new comers can sleep compeds and quadrupeds interfering

IN DIRECTING LETTERS.

The letters that ignorant or careless persons drop in the postto remain undelivered without Out of my reading I gathered this some attempt to decipher the obscure addresses. Many letters are found every day intended for delivery in streets known to be in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston. Baltimore, Newark or other cities, but all addressed to New York. is that which leads us to aban' Frequently the name of the city a good cause because it is is omitted, but it can often be and join a bad cause becar supplied. The cause of some of strong. the mistakes made is obvious. For instance, the business man who addressed an envelope to " Messrs. Lord & Flannel, Broadway," was evidently thinking of the goods he was ordering of Lord & Taylor. When the same firm was addressed as "Bayard & Taylor." the literary turn of mind chur was evident. "Messrs. Howard & Crosby," to whom several letters were directed, were found to exist only in the person of . agent doing business at the tion of Howard and Crosby The many mis a cas of

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cult to correct than the careless errors of business for instance, a let' aris directed to "My husband, N arch America," no amount of ing marity can find the person for w area it was intended. What prac sheed eye and skillful guess er a secompiish is done. ering department, will read with- brought her apples in his pocket, out difficulty "Old Berme," as and took her on his knee and told A.bany; "Cykaga," or "Zeguga" as Chicago; "Tetruitt" as Detroit; "Sonnkikut" as Connecticut, and the like. A letter addressed to "Signignical's Hotel, New York," finds its proper destination at St. Nicholas. But when only loving messages and farewells are found on the envelopes, the task becomes more difficult. "We meet again," "Good-bye for the time." "Respectfully your devoted friend," and "Good-bye, dear brothers and sisters," all addressed carefully to North America, hardly afford sufficient basis for identification. Scarcely more intelligible is "Boarding and lodgington, Mrs. Johnston, propriely copies a business card on which

GOD'S FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

One-tenth of ripened grain One-tenth of tree and vine, One-tenth of all the yield From ten-tenths' rain and shine.

One tenth of lowing herds That browse on hill and plain ; One-tenth of bleating flocks, For ten tenths' shine and rain.

One-tenth of all increase From counting-room and mart; One tenth that science yields, One-tenth of every art.

One-tenth of loom and press, One-tenth of mill and mine One-tenth of every craft Wrought out by gifts of Thine.

One-tenth of glowing words That glowing guineas hold One-tenth of written thoughts That turn to shining gold.

One tenth ! and dost Thou, Lord, But ask this meagre loan, When all the earth is Thine, And all we have Thine own? - Churchman

SEASONABLE THOUGHTS. Out of life there is but one gateway. The exit is so constant hat it is never closed. The approach to it is by different paths, varying in length. To some it is a long, hard, tortuous journey; to others, it is short quick, airect. Life is a treadmill experience between its two boundaries—the cradie, where it is nursed into strength and beauty; and the grave, where, in weakness, it goes lown to death and to dust. "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh." This is the epitome of human history. It is a history of come and go, of give and take. God gives and we take joyfully; God takes and we give back sorrowfully. The need of all is grace to be graceful in any event. The following little gem, by Ella Wheeler, is sugges-

### A PINCH OF DUST.

I read of a king who sat on a throne. And ruled a nation in regal state. As great a king as the world has known, Yet he had at last but a beggar's fate; For he died; as each and all of us must, And his royal fame is a pinch of dust.

I read of a warrior of great renown, From cean to ocean resounded his name, With a sweep of his sabre he mowed men And the world cried "Bravo!" and this

was fame;
But he died, as each and all of us must. And his sword is idle and red with rust. There was a lover who loved his love With all of passion and youthful fire-

Loved with the love of gods above, With glowing rapture and fond desire But he died; as each and all of us must, And the grave was the goal of his hope As every reader and thinker must, Power and glory and eartl ly bliss Are nothing more than a pinch of dust.

-Christian at Werk. The meanest act of cowardic

# FOLKS.

IN MEETING.

anday little Annie May, red in the country, went to ch for the first time.

She wore a bine dress, and blue shoes and white stockings, and a white straw bonnet with blue strings tied under her mite of a dimpled chin. Her eyes matched the ribbon, and her cheeks were pink as a rose, and her hair was almost the shade of my canary's wing.

Altogether, she was a very sweet and dainty little maiden indeed.

Elder Kogers was the preacher. Appie knew him very well. He came te her papa's house often in Mr. Str ae, the head of the deciph- a big covered carriage, and he her steries while she ate them.

> Annie remembered all this; and when the elder had taken his place in the pulpit she slid off her seat and crept out under the settees to the pulpit, before any body knew what she was going to do. She held up her wee mouth.

> "I've come to give you a kiss," said she, "and I want you to tell a story.'

> The congregation smiled-all but Annie's Aunt Jane. The elder smiled, too, and took the kiss, and told Annie she must wait a little while for the story.

Annie climbed up in the big chair to wait. But she couldn't keep her blue eyes open; and the first thing she knew Aunt Jane was shaking her awake.

"I'll bring you the story tomorrow," laughed the elder. "And apples?" asked Annie.

Wasn't she a funny little girl? you know .- Youth's Companion.

A CHILD'S HYMN.

God, make my life a little light Within the world to glow-A little flame that turneth bright Wherever I may go.

God, make my life a little flower That giveth joy to all, Content to bloom in native bower. Although its place be small.

God, make my life a little song That comforteth the sad-That helpeth others to be strong. And makes the sinner glad.

God, make my life a little staff Whereon the weak may rest, That so what health and strength I have May serve my neighbors best:

God, wake my life a little hymn Of tenderness and praise-Of faith that never waxeth dim, In all his wondrous ways.

### THE COURAGEOUS GIRL.

I was once introduced to a young girl of about fifteen years of age, who e graceful manners attracted my attention. I knew th at Louisa, for so I will call her: was the only child of wealthy and do ating parents, I knew she was highly educated and very accomplished; but of her moral character I knew nothing. It so. happened that we were both detained over night at the house where we had met, and as there were many other guests, a -room was assigned to the interesting young stranger and myself, which the two daughters of our host were also to share with us. These daughters were much older the Louisa, and far from being religious; while I at that time was indifferent and thoughtless. We were all chatting and laughing and Louisa at first joined us with her sweet musical voice; but before retiring, she gently withdrew into a corner of the room, and

knelt in prayer. I can never forget the impression made upon my mind by this act of quiet, silent de otion. My mirth was hushed; I felt as if I ought to pray; I wished I was like Louisa, and that, like her, I could pour out my heart before an unseen Friend. When she arose, I saw such a sweet smile upon ner face, that as she bent over to kiss me, and to say an affectionate " good-night," I felt almost reverence for the fair young quature who had piety and coura go enough thus to confess Christ before strangers. I knew that it must have cost her an effort to do her duty under the se circumstances, it. Doubt ess her gay companions felt the same; and perhaps they, li se me, were led, by witnessi ag that simple act, to set a ne value on religious faith and Lope. Years have passed; yet. when tempted to forsake the right. through fear of man, the memory

of that kneeling girl has often imparted new strength and courage, and influenced me to care less for "them that can kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do."—American Messenger.

### MODESTY REWARDED.

During the time of the famine in France, a rich man invited twenty of the poor children in the town to his house and said to them:

"In this basket is a loaf for each one of you; take it: come back every day at this hour tilk God sends us better time ."

The children seizing the baskets wrangled and fought for the bread. Each wished to get the largest loaf, and at last went away without thanking their friend. Francesca alone, a poor but neatlydressed girl, stood modestly apart, took the smallest loaf which was left in the basket, gracefully kissed the gentleman's hand, and went away to her home in a quiet and becoming manner. On the following day the children were equally ill behaved and Francesca this time received a loaf that was scarcely half the size of the others. But when she got home, her sick mother cut the loaf, and there fell out of it a number of bright silver coins.

The mother was alarmed, and said: "Take back the money this instant, for it has no doubt got into the bread by some mistake." Francesca carried it back; but the benevolent gentleman declined to receive it.

"No, no," said he; "it was no mistake. I had the money baked in the smallest loaf simply as a reward for you, my good child. Always continue thus contented, peaceable and unassuming The person who prefers to remain contented with the smallest loaf, rather than quarre! for the larger one, will find throughout life blessings in this course of action still more valuable than the money bread."—The Morning Star.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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ELIS DEATH, 1 SAMUEL 4. 10 18.

The battle was tought at Ebenezer.

This name was given to the place at a later day. Its mention in 1 Sam. 4. 1 and in chap. 5, 1, before the place had received the name, would naturally be made by an author writing at a period when this had become the common and well known name of the place. Before Israel lost four thousand, now in the presence of the ark thirty thousand, to teach them that the ark and ordinances of God those who repent. The ark of God was taken-Such a calamity was appalling in an age which associated the presence of God with the symbol now lost, perhaps forever. It was grievous for the tribes to have lost their God, but to find him in the hands of their enemies was a disaster of mexpressible magaitude. In the end as God was no loser by this event, so the Philistines were no gainers by it, and Israel, all things considered, received more good than hurt by it, men leave the way of their duty, protection. But this was not all, they had betrayed the ark by bringing it into danger without a warrant from God, and this filled the measure of their iniquities.

And there ran-There seem to have been always professional runners to act as messengers with armies in the field. His clothes rent and with earth on his head-These were signs of sorrow and distress among all nations. The clothes rent signified the rending, dividing and shattering of the people; the earth or ashes on the head signified their humiliation. "We are brought down to the dust of the earth, we are near to our graves." Eli sat upon a seat—Rather "upon his throne," the pontifical chair of state. This seat was probably at the gate leading into the inner court of the tabernacle. Seated here, the highpriest would see all who came up to worship, and here he would expect to receive the first news of the return of the ark from the camp. His heart trembled-He had a foreboding of disaster. Perhaps the ark had been taken against his judgment, he yielding with characteristic weakness. Such a use of the ark, unless authorized by God himself, as in Joshua 3. 7-8, was little less than a temptation of God, as it put him, in the opinion of the people, under the necessity of giving them the victory in order to save the symbol so inti-mately associated with his honor. For the ark-It is an indication of Eli's piety that he trembled not for his sons, but for the ark which they had taken with them. Cried out-With the loud Oriental wail of mourning. To weep under such circumstances was not considered unmanly by any

ancient people. Had Eli been able to see he would have marked the rent garments and the dust besprinkled head of the messenger, and thus the news would have been broken more gradually, and it In all the allusions to Eli there is a tone of tenderness, a touch of personality, and a descriptive element, which point to a writer who cherished the recollection of the venerable priest judge, and loved his memory despite his faults. The story of Eli shows the pen of Samuel. The messenger answered—How tew the words used to relateall the items of this thrilling message! How each successive statement rises in the announcement of a still severer loss!

When he made mention of the ark-The patriot could survive the dishonor of his country; the judge, though weeping sore, could be submissive under the slaughter of the people; the father, his heart rent the while with remorseful memories, could have upborne under the double bereavement; but the saint swooned away his life when deeper affliction was narrated of the disaster to the ark of God. Atthe death of Eli, Shiloh loses all importance as the chief station of the sancutary, no high-priest again makes it his abode, and the tabernacle itself, so far as it is mentioned in later times, seems stationed elsewhere; we must needs suppose that the Philistines took advantage of that great victory to conquer Shiloh and destroy its famous sanctuary, although the history (which in its present state is much abbreviated throughout) does not even mention it. The city reappears afterward, it is true, as not quite uninhabited, but evidently as only gradually restored like so many other towns in those times, through the people's indomitable zeal for resettlement after a devastation. But the tabernacle, as might be expected from similar cases, was carried off by watchful Levites before the destruction was complete; and as late as the time of Solomon's building is tound established at Gideon, in Benjamin.

### THE SICK ROOM.

Never enter fasting; if it is not convenient to take refreshment of the ordinary kind, take a glass of water and a cracker. Do not stand between the patient and the door, it possible. Avoid sitting on or touching the bed clothes as much as possible, and do not inhale the patient's breath. The

clean water, it the patient has fever, before leaving the room to touch any other people or things. After visiting a fever patient, etc., change the dress, it possible. As soon as the fever is over, and the patient is convalescent, the dress which has been used by the nurse attendant shoul be destroyed, if there are no means of fumigation at hand, or it must be boiled in water to which carbolic acid has been added. The same must be done with bed clothes, etc., which have been used.

### GETTING MILK.

A writer in the Southern Farmer says that his cow gives all the milk were never designed for sanctuaries that is wanted in a family of eight, or refuges to impenitent sinners, but and that from it, after taking all that only for the comfort and relief of is required for other purposes, 290 pounds of butter were made last year. This is in part his treatment of the cow: "If you desire to get a large yield of rich milk, give your cows every day water slightly warmed and slightly salted, in which bran has been stirred at the rate of one quart to two gallons of water. You will find, if you have not tried this daily practice, that your cow will give twenty five per cent. more milk im-mediately under the effects of it, and she will become so attached to the as we shall see, Two sons of Eli— diet as to refuse to drink clear water unless very inirsty. But this mess had they to do in the camo? What she will drink almost any time and diet as to refuse to drink clear water ask for more. The amount of this they shut themselves out of God's drink necessary is an ordinary water pail at a time, morning, noon, and

### WHY CHILDREN DIE.

In answer to this question, the Medical Recorder told in the following language: "The reason why children die is because they are not taken care of, From the day of birth they are stuffed with water, suffocated in hot rooms and steamed with bedclothes. So much for in-door. When permitted to breathe a breath of pure air once or twice during the colder months, only the nose is permitted to peer into daylight. A little later they are sent out with no clothes at all on the parts of the body which most need protection. Bare legs arms, and necks, girted middles, with an inverted umbrella to collect the air and chill the other parts of the body. A stout, strong man goes out in a cold day with gloves and overcoat, woolen stockings and thick double soled boots with cork between and rubberover. The same day a child of three years old, an infant of flesh and blood and bone constitution goes out with shoes as thin as paper, cotton socks, legs uncovered to the knees, neck bare, an exposure which disables the nurse, kills the mother outright, and makes the father an invalid for weeks. And why? To harden them for a mode of dress which they are never expected to practice. To accustom them to exposure which a dozen years later would be considered downright foolery."

### USEFUL HINTS.

Fish may be scaled much easier by first dipping them into boiling water

Cultivate consideration for the feelings of other people, if you would would not have been such a shock. never have your own injured. Those who complain of the most ill use, are those who abuse themselves and others the oftenest.

In Lyons, France, the cold bath method of treating typhoid fever has been adopted with marked success. In the civil hospitals the death rate was reduced from 26 to 9 per cent., and in private practice to 1 or 2 per cent.

To remove paint and putty from window glass: put sufficient saleratus into hot water to make a strong solution, and with this saturate the paint which adheres to the glass. Let it remain until nearly dry, then rub it off with a woolen cloth.

Cleanliness is next to godliness for the human race, but for milch cows it is the virtue that leads all others. Stalled cows cannot be kept from bad odours, but the stables should be cleaned and treshly littered at milking time.

No matter what any recipe says, halt a cup of butter is a liberal allowance tor one cup of sugar. That is the proper proportion to use in cake making, though sometimes one may use a cup and a half of sugar with this quantity of butter when you do not care for rich cake.

The New York Herald gives the following method of treating scratches: Wash the horse's heels clean in warm soap suds morning and evening and then oil them. If this does not effect a cure, dissolve ten grains of chloride of zine in four ounces of water, and apply with a sponge twice

A good way to save and use small slices of cold meat is to chop them fine, add some bread crumbs, salt and pepper; moisten with milk or with gravy, or stock. Make this into flat cakes, dip them in egg, and fry them until brown, or put the meat in a pudding dish or basin, press it for two or three hours, and slice it for tea.

Dyspeptic symptoms, low spirits, restlessness, sleepleseness, contusion, sour stomach, pain in the powels, sick headache, veriable appetite, raising food, oppression at pit of stomach, low fever and languor, Parsons' Purgative Pills give in citate relief and hands should always be washed in will ultimately cure the disease.

"There is more life, more light, more love beyond." IF AND IF.

"If you are suffering from poor health or languishing on a bed of sickness, take cheer, if you are simply ailing, or if you feel weak and dispirited, without clearly knowing why, Hop Bitters will

'surely cure you."
"If you are a minister, and have overtaxed yourself with your pastoral duties, or a Mother, worn out with care and work, or a man of business or laborer weakened by the strain of your averyday duties, or a man of letters, toiling over your midnight work, 'Hop Bitters will surely strengthen you.

"If you are suffering from

over-eating or drinking, any indiscretion or dissipation, or are young and growing too fast, as is often the case."

"Or if you are in the workshop, on the farm, at the desk, anywhere, and fee that your system needs cleansing, toning, or stimulating, without intoxicating, if you are old, blood thin and im-pure, pulse feeble, nerves unsteady faculties waning, Hop Bitters is what you ' need to give you new life, health, and

If you are costive or dyspeptic, or suffering from any other of the numerous diseases of the stomach or bowels, it is your own fault it you remain ill. If you are wasting away with any form of Kidney disease, stop tempting death t'ais moment, and turn for a cure

to Hop Bitters.

If you are sick with that terrible sickness Nervousness. von wall find a " Balm in Gilead" in Hop Bitters. If you are a frequenter, or a resideut of a miasmatic district, barricade your system against the scourge of all countries-malaria, epidemic bilious and intermittent fevers-bv

the use of Hop Bitters.

If you have rough, pimply, or sallow skin bad breath, Hop Bitters will give you fair skin, rich blood, the sweetest breath, and health. \$500 will be paid for a case they

will not cure or help.

That poor, bedridden, invalid wife, sister, mother, or daughter, can be made the picture of heah. by a few bottles of Hop Bitters costing bat a trifle.

PAIN AND SENTERING is the common lot of all. Our earliest days give manifest proof of this, and we are never long permitted to forget it. If corns should in your case be the thorn in the flish, go at once and buy a bottle of PUTNAM'S PAINLESS CORN EXTRAC. TOR, and be surprised at the rapidity, the freedom from pain and the success that marks its work. N. C. POLSON & CO., Kingston,

When symptoms of malaria appear in any f. rm, take Ayer's Ague cure at once, to prevent the development of the disease, and continue until health is restored, as it surely will be by the use of this remedy. A cure is warranted in every instance

The tenacity with which people abide by their early faith in Ayer's Sarsaparilla can only be explained by the fact that it is the best blood medicine ever used, and is not approached in excellence by any new candi

If any of the readers of this paper do not know of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment we u ge them to find out about it. Write to Dr. Johnson & Co., of Bangor, Me. It is the most marvellous remedy in the world.

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AFTER THE VERDICT.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week the United General Conference completed arrangements for the union of the several branches of Methodism in Canada. An hour of rich spiritual influence was lost by those who were absent from the final session. Heaven then seemed to breathe its special ben ediction upon an effort from the beginning of which, despite questionings and some playful sarcasm, not a few had traced the guidance of a divine hand. Who shall say that, unseen by mortal eye and unheard by mortal ear, some were not present in spirit who had longed that these divided brethren might be one, but had died without the sight! For earthly workers at least in behalf of union it was a period of thanksgiving. While not forgetful of the rare wisdom and patience with which Dr. Williams had guided the discussions, or of the deference which the members generally had shown to each other's propossessions and prejudices, all seemed to remember that human hearts are under the Master's control, and to say "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name be the glory.'

Henceforth Methodism in Canada

may be expected to move forward in

one unprosen body. The all dividing lines of the past can be instantly effaced is not possible. many cases time will be necessary to bring comparative strangers into thorough harmony. To early Canadian life belongs the incident of the settler who saw in the distance an object which at first seemed to be a bear, then one of his farm animals, and finally was found to be his "own brother John." It may take in some cases a series of apparent transformations to teach some Canadian Methodists that those who have belonged to other sections are indeed their brethren, but the lesson will be learned. Those who were members of the recent Conference found that in all those features of character, or forms of worship or modes of expression which distinguish Methodists there were no perceptible differences, and soon began to wonder at their separate existence. Happily there has been little in this separate existence to give occasion for ed him. Of the singing he says any great degree of mutual reproach. If one of the minor contracting bodies had clung to a system of centralization in ecclesiastical government it could plead the arrangement of John Wesley in the only system of church polity which he ever deliberately sat down to frame. If other branches had withdrawn at several periods from the main body, they had done so in the way of practical protest against that spirit of conservatism which more than once failed to regard the popular whisper and yielded only to the overwhelming current of popular clamor. They again fall into line with the larger body when that body has adopted by successive changes the principles they existed to maintain. The spirit of the Gospel and enlightened common sense could not long have permitted a separate identity, but it remained for the light to stream down upon us at the gate of the great North-west and show us the absurdity-shall we say the sin-of any further pursuit of a largely sectional aim. As we march up to the one common standard let the future leaders of the United Church learn the moral of the past divisions—the lesson that a calm, generous compliance with the whispered wishes of the people is better than a reluctant yielding to a general clamor. We are in the Prize List, in which they ask the less danger of divisions than our predecessors were, but many of the nobler spirits would prefer a quiet withdrawal to clamor for a privilege or right.

As we spoke a few evenings since to an earnest layman of our Church. ued. Pleadings that can obtain con- stitution during its twenty six years' trol over men can bring down a holy existence has been instrumental in baptism. Church polity is important, rescuing from mental and moral darkthoroughness of organization cannot ness nearly three-hundred deaf-mutes, giveth life. Too often our mistake is | are living proofs of the value of their Jacob, which was the spirit of the land, 5.

hundred and twenty at Pentecost, might take possession of the Church at this solemn period and lead each section to say, "I will not move forward unless thou bless me."

UNION ELSEWHERE.

Committees from the several Methodist Churches in NewZealand have met and prepared a "Basis" for union. Four Methodist bodies exist there, the Wesleyan, with a membership of 6,832; the Primitive Methodist, with 1,309 members; the United Methodist Free Church, with 861 members; and the Bible Christian Church, with 100 members -a total membership of 9,202, the Wesleyan having a little more than threefourths of that number. It was arranged that the government be by an Annual Conference, composed of an equal number of laymen and ministers. In the District and Quarterly Meetings laymen will have the preponderance. The ministers and laymen, in the Annual Conference, are to have equal rights of speaking and voting on all subjects but that of ministerial character, with which ministers only shall deal. It was resolved that one Superan

nuation Fund should be formed from which claimants should be paid on the scale now existing in their respective Churches. But if the other Churches provide the sum requisite to place them on a financial equality with the Wesleyan' claiman's, whose fund is much larger relatively, then the others shall share in the income from all sources. Provision was made for the establish. ment of separate Home Mission and Foreign Mission Funds. The name chosen was "The Methodist Church of New Zealand." The "proposed Basis" is to be submitted to the Quarterly and District Meetings next November, atter which it will come before the four Annual Conferences next January, and the Australasian General Conference in November. 1874. It all these Church courts decide favorably upon this constitution. arrangements are to be made to hold the first United Conference in Janu-

An American Methodist, visiting England, writes to the Methodist Recorder respecting some things in the religious services which have impress-

The singing, largely congregational, and, as far as my observation goes, participated in with a great deal of spirit by nearly all present, impressed me most favourably. How often I wished that those of my American friends who have charge of this department of public worship could have peen present and heard the grand outbursts of praise to God as I have heard them in many of your chapels. Especially did I wish those could have been here who have on many of the walls of their churches inscribed in brilliant letters where the choir sits, "Let the people praise Thee," and then allow all the singing to be done by a paid quartette. But I am glad reform in this direction has set in, and I trust it will spread all over our country until all the people, and not the four in the singing gallery only, will join in singing our grand hymns.

The Dominion Exhibition commences in St. John on Monday next. Our neighbors are making vast preparations for the occasion. On our way east we saw attractive posters in the upper cities. Gentlemen who may find any difficulty in getting board are advised to look at an item in our Methodist notes which may assist them and help them at the same time to give assistance to a good cause. Our attention has also been called to an advertisement of Messrs. Manchester. Robertson and Allison, on page 106 of farmers of Canada to inspect a "model working dairy," the method of which Prof. Sheldon, who visited Canada in 1880 as a delegate from the English farmers, will fully explain.

Mr. J. Scott Hutton, Principal of the Institution for the Deaf and he remarked "You do not know what Dumb, is holding public meetings in thousands were praying for the result | behalf of that Institution in various your Conference reached." He was parts of the Province. Some of the not quite correct: we had felt the pupils accompany him for the purpose fact, for prayer often reaches man via of illustrating the method and results. heaven. Let such prayer be contin- of deaf-mute instruction. This Inbe dispensed with, but they are useless | mostly from the poorer classes, many in the absence of the Spirit which of whom to-day as Christian citizens tha "we give over the struggle at training. Meetings are to be held at day breaking and the blessing is with- Pugwash, Oct. 1; Wallace, 2; Tataheld." Would that the spirit of magouche. 3; Londonderry, 4; Mait-

In reference to the recent united Conference the Canada Christian Advocate, the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, has these satisfactory remarks:

There seemed to be, on the part of the several delegations, an utter abandonment of all desire to press their peculiar views regarding any matter upon others. The utmost de ference was paid to each by the others and thus the best of feeling was reserved. The ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada, though outnumbering by far all the other delegations put together, and consequentable, if so disposed, to have everything their own way, showed such a cheerful deference to the views and wishes of others, and exhibited such a nobleness of spirit during the progress of the discussions as to completely disarm all suspicion and charm all hearts. They certainly manifested a spirit of magnanimity highly commendable and which proved the genuineness of their Union professions. This was abundantly shown in the election of the necessary officers for the new Church.

To what purpose is this risk and loss of life and property in Arctic regions? The crew of the Proteus have escaped with life, but the Greeley party are likely to be added to the long list of the unburied dead. Professor Nordenskjold has just reached the most northern point ever attained in Greenland, and the only result is to learn that the whole region is an ice desert with no open water inland, and to obtain "valuable scientific data."

UNITED GENERAL CONFER

(Continued from sixth page). NINTH DAY.

FRIDAY, Sept. 14. After devotional exercises, the secand report of the Committee on Education recommended that Alma College be placed by legislation in the same relation to the united Church that it now holds to the Methodist Episcopal The report of the Committee on the

hildren's Fund was considered. Rev. James Gray moved that in view of the difficulties surrounding the management of the Children's Fund, we recommend its abolition. Many of those coming into the union were unacquainted with the working of the fund and the difficulties attending it. It would only create discord and he thought it better for it to die now, while in a state of chronic consumption, than to linger for a few

years longer.

Rev. John Hunt moved in amendment, that each annual Conference shall have a Children's Fund under its own control and management, subject o certain regulations.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland deprecated the idea of allowing the Conferences to have a fund or not just as they thought fit. He favored a gradual reduction, so that by the next General Conference, if it were thought fit to abolish the fund, their people would be prepared for it.

Rev. Dr. Fowler would vote against the abolition of the fund. Mr. Wm. Hill was strongly in favor of the abolition of the fund. He knew of some cases where it had been the

means of taking from the poor and giving to the rich. Rev. J. S. Williamson would vote for its not being introduced into the

discipline of the new Church. Rev. J. J. Rice said the continued tinkering on this subject during the last twenty years had caused more heart burnings than any other subject. He thought it better for the fund to

be dropped at once.

Rev. P. Addison said it was significant that from the poorer circuits there was no outcry for the abolition of this fund. He hoped it would be continued. Rev. F. Chisholm said that in the

union committee there were some differences of opinion on this question. and he had made up his mind then to vote against its being introduced into the united Church. Mr. A. B. Walker said this fund had assisted in the harmonious station-

ing of ministers. He was in favor of it being continued, not on a per capita arrangement, but pro rata on salaries, the higher salaried ministers paying more in proportion than their poorer brethren.

Rev. Dr. Rice said that if Bro-Gray had had a family of fourteen to feed instead of two, he would under stand more of the value of the Children's Fund. (Hear hear.) The poor er ministers' wives knew the hardships they had to endure. They had to set to work and make and remake clothing in order that their children might appear in a manner befitting their rank in life, and the smal amount received from this fund was of the greatest benefit. He hoped on behalf of the poorer members in the ministerial ranks that the fund would

not be abolished. Rev. W. S. Griffin was convinced that while the fund did help some of the poorer families, yet when on the other hand it took away from those who could ill afford it, the system should not be perpetuated. He believed that hundreds of quarterly poards were influenced to vote for the basis because they were led to understand that this fund would be abolish-

ed. If it were not killed now a feelwould only be created which would probably change their views. longing to the Bible Christian Church farm the money made in Californian be trepressible,

Rev. F. B. Stratton had come to he Conference unbiassed on this question, but having heard the discussion would vote for the abolition of the

Rev. T. G. Williams while unaffected by the question, in justice to poor er brethren benefited by the fund would vote for its retention.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman said that the circuits that could not afford to pay their ministers full salary were the smallest in membership. These very circuits paid the least into this fund. The circuits with a largest member ship paid most. He strongly favored the retention of the fund for the sake of the poorer ministers.

Rev. J. W. Maxwell argued in favor of the abolition of the fund. Rev. W. C. Henderson said, had it been a matter affecting the Methodist Church of Canada, he would have voted for its retention. Under present circumstances, however, he could not see his way clear to vote that way. 'To perpetuate it in the united Church | both exist. He was compelled to vote would not conduce to the harmony and peace of the Church. He thought that by retaining this fund they would

Rev. Wm. Bee would vote for the continuation of the fund. Connected with Primitive Methodists, he might say that for this fund they had raised almost as much as the large Methodist Church of Canada. He was confident that it had been of immense benefit and had it not been in existence some of their ministers would have been compelled to seek other employment.

create contention among the brethren

which was not desirable

Rev. J. Goodman opposed the fund. Rev. W. Hansford hoped the fund would be retained for two years at least, until the committee appointed by the Methodist Church of Canada should have time to report. If it were abolished superannuates and widows of superannuated ministers might have to struggle along, some with large families. without any allowance whatever. It would bring agony and beartburning to many of these families.

Rev. J. R. Gundy said if the fund were abolished it would simply mean that the poorer ministers would have to be sustained from the mission fund.

AFTERNOON SITTING. The report of the Committee on the Ecumenical Conference recommended approval of such a conference, but as it is not proposed to hold it until 1887, and as the General Conference will meet again before that date, it is

pondence be appointed. The report of the Committee on the Western Superannuation Fund was presented. Among its recommendations were that the fund should be administered by a board of 32 members, 16 ministers and 16 laymen. The board shall have full authority to determine the number of years to be allowed and the amount due to each re-

suggested that a committee on corres-

gular claimant. The following are new Regarding claimants, the claim of a widow shall be two thirds of the claim of her late husband, and each child of a deceased minister shall have a ciaim on the fund to the amount of \$20 per year up to sixteen years of age. Any minister who may fail before rendering five years of effective service shall have refunded to him the amount he has paid into the fund.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read. The following are its salient points:

While we believe that in the observance of the Sabbath this Dominion will compare favorably with other Christian countries, we have cause to think the evil of Sabbath dese have cause to think the evil of Saudan according is spreading, and has already attained such magnitude as may well awaken the solicitude of all who desire the true prosperity of the people and the honor of God. We ity of the people and the honor of God. We would direct attention to the effort made is the Postal Department to infringe upon the sanctity of the Sabbath, also to the manifest ly increasing profanation of the Lord's day by the continued work on the line of construction of the Canadian Pacific Bailway, by the general running of trains upon that day, by excursions both by land and water, by opening photograph galleries, livery stables, barbers and cigar shops. This state of things presents strong temptations to many to vio late the sanctity of the Sabbath, and tends to weaken the public sentiment in regard to the same. Those who desire to keep holy the Sabbath are disturbed by the noise and bustle occasioned by the practices referred to, and many persons are deprived of opportuni-ties for physical rest and moral and religious culture which the day is intended to afford We also fear that in the homes of the people and in their individual life there is a great laxity of opinion and practice in relation to the matter. Much unnecessary work is required of domestics, and many persons make the day one of pleasure-seeking and visiting from house to house.

Another interference with the proper du ties of the Sabbath is the selection of the day for funerals. Although due regard for the interests of the living demands in some cases prompt burial of the dead, still in the great majority of cases the chief object is to obtain a large gathering, and thus not only obtain a large gathering, and thus not only
is the quiet and sanctity of the Sabbath broken, regular Sabbath services interfered with,
Sabbath schools deranged, and the labors of
ministers on the Lord's day greatly increased, but also the practice in too many cases
ends in religious dissipation. The committee would therefore suggest—that in our discipling a decided expression should be intercipline a decided expression should be intro-duced opposed to such a practice, except in cases of extreme necessity.

In view of the foregoing considerations,

the committee strongly recommend that sermons on Sabbath observance be preached by our ministers throughout the Church, and that they urge upon parents and Sabbath school teachers that they be particular in correctly teaching and guiding those entrusted to their care in this all-important subject. It is also recommended that a small but influ ential committee be appointed to take all needful steps to secure the proper observance of the Sabbath, and to confer and co-operate with similar committees appointed by other Churches, and with secretaries of Evangelical Alliances for the attainment of these ends.

The report was received. Rev. Mr. Gundy resumed the debate on the Cnildren's Fund. He

which had been of so much advantage in the past, and which promised to be of greater advantage in the future. Rev. J. T. Pitcher was in favor of the fund

Rev. John Cassidy had a chronic complaint against the fund. He was decidedly opposed to it.

Mr. G. Webb said that the people

of Ontario complained that they were raising this fund for ministers who

had the larger salaries. Rev. W. W. Ross said that it would be a matter for great regret if the fund were abolished.

Rev. T. Marshall would be heartily

glad if the fund were swept out of exstence provided some means could be devised to help poorer brethren. Some would be so much affected by the abolition that until some means were devised he would support the

Rev. A. E. Russ said there was a majority of opinion that the Superannuation and Children's fund could not against the latter in order to sustain the superannuated preachers. Rev. Dr. Aylsworth opposed the

fund. Rev. R. Duncan trusted the report of the committee would be approved of. Rev. W. Graham said if the fund were abolished a great difficulty would fall on the shoulders of the Stationing Committee. He pleaded for the fund

because it was a benefit, and the Church would be better by far to allow it to exist.

Hon. Senator Ferrier would not rote for any measure that would diminish their connectional character. To abolish this fund would be a step in that direction, and therefore he could not support it. If the fund were abolished it would not increase the superannuated fund at all. When they were relieved of one assessment they generally forgot to put it in ano-

ther fund. Rev. W. Herridge would vote against the fund. Instead of tending to give connectional unity it had only ended to create discord.

Rev. Dr. Carman moved the following amendment.

"That inasmuch as differences of opinion exist as to the continuance of the Children's Fund, and inasmuch as some fields of labour and their preachers must suffer by its immediate abolition, resolved that this fund be perpetuated at least until the General Conerence of 1886; that in the meantime a duly appointed commission be appointed to obtain all information regarding the operation of the fund and report to said General Conference, and that we preced to adopt the neces-sary provisions for the government of the fund."

He said if they were about to institute a union fund of \$100,000 to tide over difficulties which might arise in connection with this very subject, he would be prepared to vote for the abolition of the fund. His views were in favor of abolition, but he saw difficulties in the way of its immediate will harmonize the method of electing its abolition. It had worked to the Board and treasurers with the method aladvantage of many men who would moral. He therefore thought it better to meet the case in the way his amendment suggested.

Mr. T. H. Willmot thought that Dr. Carman's resolution should be

Mr. John Kent said that it would be better to support the report of the committee.

Rev. Jas. Gray, in replying, said that if they could convince him that the fund would benefit the weak he would hold up both hands for it. He was convinced if the fund were abolished and a scheme could be devised which would not take out of the pockets of the poor and to give to the rich, it would be generally approved. His motion referred only to the Western Conference and not to the

The President said that the members of the Eastern Conference had discussed the question. If the Conerence said there should be a fund it would bear alike on all.

Dr. Carman's amendment carried by a large majority. A motion by Rev. Dr. Gardiner for the re-committal of the report was

negatived. Rev. Dr. Rice moved that the children of superannuated ministers and wid ws shall be paid by this fund. Agreed to.

The report as a whole was then adopted, and the Conference took

The report of the Committee on the uperannuation Fund was taken up. Mr. John Macdonald moved the insertion of the following in clause 2:-

"That, in the Act of Parliament to be secured incorporating the Superannuated Ministers' Society of the Methodist Church, a clause be inserted declaring that the super-annuated ministers' funds of each of the four contracting bodies be thereby repealed." Motion was agreed to.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved that,

TENTH DAY.

SATURDAY, Sept. 15. After devotional exercises.

whereas it was agreed in the basis of union adopted by the four contracting Churches that a debt of some \$20,000 on mission fund of Bible Christian to go on the other. The Sarnia is as Church should be distributed among the various Church trusts, in aid of which such debt was incurred, and whereas the securities given by said Church trusts are made in favor of the treasurers of the Missionary Society hour, but very few ships sailing from of the said Bible Christian Church it is agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the said treasurers, Rev. J. Kenner and Mr. R. Louch, to able and careful commander, made realize upon the securities as the same himself very agreeable to his passhall mature, and finally close up the sengers. Our number was not large. whole business. It is also agreed that Two ladies; three or four buyers maksaid the principal opponents to the until the said debt is extinguished the fund were chiefly young men, but time proceeds of any Church property be-

after paying the other debts of the trust, to the reduction of said mission

After a brief discussion the motion

was adopted, Rev. Dr. Carman moved that this General Conference appoint a committee of fifteen, with power to act and add to their number, to obtain the legislation necessary to secure the property of the four contracting Churches to the united Church. This committee shall have jurisdiction only in such properties, funds, &c., as are not otherwise provided for, and where incorporated boards exist to act in conjunction with such boards to secure modifications to charters and any other legislation as may be require ed. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. Carman moved that this General Conference appoint a committee of five on the nomination of the chair to prepare an address from the Conference to the ministry, members and adherents of the contracting Churches, sending to them our greetings and setting forth, as the Conference may judge best, the demands of these times upon our common Methodism, and the duties and opportunities of the crisis through which we are now passing; said address to be signed by the president, vice-president, and secretaries of this Conference on its behalf.

The motion was agreed to. Judge Dean presented the draft of an address to the Executive Committee of the Dible Christian Church in

England. Rev. W. S. Griffin called in question the statement that there were open evidences of hostility.

Judge Dean said he did not think that they had decided to strike a medal commemorative of the union, but if it were proposed to take that course, on the obverse side it would have a Griffin rampant.

The draft address was unanimously approved of amid many remarks on its beautiful character.

Consideration of the report on the Western Superannuation Fund was resumed. To clause referring to

management of fund, Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the following addition :

"The delegates from Annual Conferences to General Conference shall meet not later than the sixth day of sessions of each General Conference to consider affairs of this fund and elect Board of Management. They shalt also nominate one or more persons for office of treasurer, and from among those so nominated the General Conference shall elect by ballot treasurer or treasurers of said fund. A General Superintendent shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board, but if no General Superintendent be present it shall elect its own chairman.

" As it is important there should be uniformity as far as possible in the management of the various connexional trusts, this Conference recommends that Eastern Conferences take steps for such amendments to ready adopted in regard to the Superannua.

Rev. Dr. Carman moved that this clause, with proposed amendments, be referred back for consideration, which motion was negatived by 50 to 46. A suggestion that the matter be abled until the report of the Supernumerary Fund had been considered

was agreed to. AFTERNOON.

The delegates were elected to the Western Book Committee. The report of the committee on the Western Superannuation Fund was

adopted. The report of the committee on transfers was next taken up. On the following clause :-

"The General Superintendents, the Presidents of the Annual Conferences, and one minister elected by ballot annually in each Annual Conference, shall compose the Trans-Rev. J. M. Simpson moved the fol-

lowing amendment :-"That the Transfer Committee be composed of the General Superintendents and Presidents of the Annual Conferences interested.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the following amendment :--In the matter of Transfers each Annual

Conference shall be represented by its President and one other minister, elected annually by ballot by such Conference. The General Superintendents, in consultation with the esentatives of the Annual Conferences affected, shall be a committee to make trans fers, but no transfer shall be made without the concurrence of two of the Conference representatives with the General Superintendents after full discussion

Both amendments were negatived, and the original clause of the report adopted.

ON THE OCEAN. To the Editor of the WESLEYAN.

DEAR BROTHER, - Perhaps the friends who desired some report of my whereabouts and welfare, and to whom it would be too great a task just now to write separately, will accept on open letter addressed to them in common

The Sarnia and the Oregon are twin

ships of the Dominion line, built as nearly alike as two ships well could be. I came on the one and expect fine a vessel as a voyager need desire, large, speedy, steady, and fitted with every convenience. She did not make the trip quite so quickly as the Parisian which sailed at the same Canadian ports could do it any faster. Capt. Lindall, a tall, massive, fine looking Swede, and a thoroughly caping their semi-annual trip : a Maniteban who had invested in a prairie He asked them not to abolish a fund which shall be sold shall be applied, mines, and who entertained us with

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thrilling stories of the far, wild West: a Dublin man, returning from a hasty visit to Canada, whose decided brogue threw half his words away; a Surgeon Major of the British Army, who had seen much of three continents, and whose exhaustless store of amusing anecdotes and general bonhomic made him the life of the company; a merchant and a minister, both in shattered health and both seeking restoration on and beyond the sea; and a few whom I cannot differentiate, made up the complement of cabin passengers. Our voyage was pleasantly uneventful. The third day out, crossing the arctic current, we saw many icebergs and felt uncomfortably cold. The first Sunday we had no service. The captain, who usually reads prayers, was ill when we sailed, and was still obliged to keep quiet in his cabin, though for several nights in the iceberg region he spent the darkness on the bridge. No one knew there was a minister on board except himself, and he remembered that it was for rest he came. The second Sunday at the dinner table, the captain suddenly turned to me and said "I suppose you are taking a vacation." "Yes." "Well, if you are not too lazy"—as a foreigner, he could not be expected to appreciate delicate shades of meaning in English; no doubt he meant "tired"-perhaps you will preach at eight o'clock. The awkward word, and the difficulty of in king explanations just there and then, proved fatal, and there was nothing to do but to say "Yes." So we had a simple Methodist service at eight o'clock in the saloon. The captain led the singing as became a countryman of Jenny Lind, and all joined heartily. It was particularly sweet, for at sea when the darkness was falling on the ocean, to join in

the hymn, A id with me. fast fails the eventide, The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide, When others helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, Oh abide with me.

" All things work together for good' was the theme of the sermon. My comrade in sickness and a sad though sweet faced, venerable lady, expressed their gratitude for the service and the comfort and help it gave them, and tha was a full reward. A remark of the former I shall always remember, and I commend it to my young brethren as a fair expression of the feeling of the best portion of our hearers: "when we go to church, we do not want sermons that merely interest us intellectually, and I notice that is what we too often get. It may be very well in the right place to answer the philosophers and the scientists, but in church we want something to

live by during the week.' We went to bed that night assured by the captain that if all went well, we should see land in the morning. At six o'clock on Monday we were on deck, and how lovely was the sight! The water was perfectly smooth, sea fowl in great numbers sitting motionless except when frightened by the approaching ship, or diving for their morning meal. On the right was Fair Head; on the left, Rathlin Island; in the distance on the port bow, the Mull of Cantyre, and the cone like rock of Ailsa Craig rising solitary out of the sea. That was a day long to be remembered. Under a bright blue sky, over a sparkling summer sea we steamed through the hours of the morning, with Ireland and Scotland in full view and the Isle of Man slowly showing plainer in our path. All around us were numberless fishing boats, while many ships, being so still in their clouds of canvass that they reminded us of Coleridge's lines,

"As idle as a painted ship

Upon a painted ocean. and many steamers moving in all directions, told us that we were in one of the great tracks of commerce and near some of the greatest ports of the world. At nightfall we saw the lights of the Mersey, our pilot brought us papers and the news of the great world, the first item of intelligence that passed through the ship being that Carey had been shot, at which our Dubliner almost danced for joy. An Isle of Man steamer had been sunk in the river that day, and the captain deemed it imprudent to go up until the morning. At nine on Monday we landed and in a few moments our pleasant companionship was broken up forever, as we sought our destinations in widely scattered parts. A few of us drove from the landing stage to the Lime Street Station, and were in

London at three o'clock. In a week or two I shall try to give you some notes of services and preaching in London, which may be more interesting than these trifling personalities. Meanwhile, I am thankful to be able to report to my friends that my own feeling coincides with the recovery of health.

Yours sincerely, HOWARD SPRAGUE. London, Sept., 11th.

PARRSBORO' CIRCUIT.

To the Editor of the WESLEYAN.

Dear Bro.,-Will you kindly permit me through your columns to convey my heartfelt thanks to the dear friends at Port Greville who, at the close of a to a height of over 400 ft. Sunday School Concert last Saturday evening, presented me with a magnificent Waltham watch? It was an agreeable surprise to me to realize on that occasion that we had a school here able to get up such a splendid entertainment—the best by far I ever attended in the se Provinces. I cannot most amusing exhibition of the infirfind words to express my gratitude for itul gift, or appreciation for feeling manifested at its presentation. upon the slightest provocation, and Yet the work goes on.

We have on this circuit a grand field of labor. We are in Cumberland Co., which being interpreted means that we are among a people kind, courteous. refined and appreciative. The minister has only to indicate what is to be done, and it is done. Already about seventy dollars has been raised, without any effort, towards painting the parsonage, putting new matting in the Parrsboro' church, and for other needed improvements. A movement is on foot to purchase a more powerful organ than the one now in use. We have been enabled to accomplish all this within a month; and I think the readiness of the people to respond to the wishes of the pastor must be largely attributed to the faithful labors of my immediate predecessor, whose works do follow him." Bro. Alcorn may rest satisfied that he will not readily be forgotten in this locality. For myself, I am more than satisfied with my appointment—I am delighted with it, and feel duly thankful to the hand (whosever it was) that gave that rather unexpected turn to the "Great Iron Wheel" (?) which dropped me in Parrs-Yours fraternally,

DAVID HICKEY. Parrsboro', Sept. 12th, 1883.

THE JAVA CATASTROPHE.

We have said the Java outhurst is the most stupendous on record. An island has ben shattered and souk, and sixteen others have raised their heads above the surrounding waters. Some hundred thousand people have been sacrificed to their mother's anger, buried beneath volcanic debris, or swept off the face of the land by the volcanic wave. The floor of the ocean over a wide area to the south east of Sumatra has been raised into a plain above the waters, and the effects of the general upheaval have been felt as far as the American coast of the

There can be no little doubt that the wave which was felt along the west coast of North America was propagated across the Pacific from the Java outbreak. All underneath the island we know must be the seat of the most energetic volcanic activity, and there can be little doubt that the ocean floor must have been subject to a sudden upheaval over many miles, giving rise to an oceanic disturbance that has spread across the Pacific, and was doubtless felt all around Australia and New Zealand. As we have already pointed out, the last great manifestation of this kind, on May 10, 1877, had its origin on the Peruvian coast, whence a wave was propagated. on to the Sandwich Islands, on one side, and to New Zealand and Austra-

lia on the other. Still more dreadful and widespread were the results of the earth-throe in the neighborhood of the Pacific Coast on August 13-14, 1868. On that occasion, twenty minutes after an earthquake shock was felt at Arica, Peru, an enormous wave 50 ft. high, swept in over the shore. This wave travelled southwards, sweeping the coast as far as Valdivia, which it reached in five hours. Northwards it travelled also, and some hours later, reached San Pedro, in Lower California, as a wave 63 feet in height. Before that, seven hours, indeed, after it was felt at Arica, the wave touched the Sandwich Islands, and rose and fell in such a manner all around the islands that it seemed as if they themselves were actually in motion. About the same time the Marquesas Islands felt the force of the shock, and later still Yokohama, in Japan, was reached by the roll of waters. It took the wave ten hour to reach New Zealand, and at inter vals for hours the shores of the colo

tralian coast. Not less potent can have been the upheaval in the waters around Java; and when full details reach us it will be found that its influences have not been less wide spread. Volcanic debris have been found all over the bed of the ocean; and, although some of it, doubtless, has been contributed by the volcanoes of the land, much of it may come from velcanic outlets deep down below the waters. The earth, Mr. George Darwin tells us, is never at rest; it is in a constant state of tremor, and absolute steadiness is unattainable. There can be little doubt, also, that there are volcanic outbursts and earthquake upheavals, which are either never known to us at all or only by their remote results, in such form as earthquake waves propagated over the ocean. Professor Milne, of Japan, we believe, goes even further than Mr. George Darwin, and maintains that in the West Pacific, at least, the earth below the surface is honeycombed with judgment of the physician that I am cavities, and that earthquakes there making satisfactory progress in the are of almost momentary occurrence. A delicate seismometer is agitated when to human sensation not the

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MR. SHAWS OFFENCE. The official correspondence of Admiral Pierre at Tamatave, which we find in the foreign exchanges, is a mity of human temper. Suffering at several have been stoned; the houses the time from the ravages of an in-curable malady, he funed and raved stroyed, and one was beaten to death. d courtery and delicacy of curable malady, he funed and raved

never addressed the commander of the British fleet without sternly forbidding him to write another letter. Any explanation of Mr. Shaw's offence he could not be induced to give to that officer, inasmuch as he felt himself under an obligation "to impose silence

upon arrogant pretentions.' The Governor of the Mauritius received, however, a detailed account of the missionary's misconduct, and very ludicrous it is. When the Admiral bombarded the town and sent his marines ashore, the owner of the house in which Mr. Shaw was living proposed that it should be occupied by a picket of soldiers. Neither the tenant nor his family offered any resistance, and the marines took possession of the house. Either in the basement or in the garden there were found several bottles of wine, and the garrison, not having been favored with table delicacies on board ship, indulged themselves to their hearts' content. In a short time they were as drunk as lords, and the Admiral's suspicions were excited. Ordinary wine could wicked missionary and left within more money. reach of the guileless and unsuspecting marines. Consequently Mr. Shaw was immediately placed in durance vile and his wife was not allowed to communicate with him.

When Captain Johnstone, of the Dryad, asked to be officially informed of the nature of the missionary's crime, the doughty Frenchman would not deign to answer his letter. With the Governor of the Mauritius the Admiral was more frank, and the charge was formally made that the pious man had baited a trap with poisoned wine for the handsome French marines. -- N. Y. Tribune.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. G. Creelman, a graduate of Dalhousie College, is the winner of the Gilchrist Scholarship.

Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., of London, will spend the winter in America. He will sail from Liverpool in October.

We regret to notice the death of David Main, Esq., Editor and Proprietor of the St. Croix Courier, which occurred at his residence, St. Stephen, on Wednesday of last week.

The present address of the Rev. A. W. Nicolson is at Windsor. His useful ministry there in the past will en-

sure him a welcome among old friends. We learn with regret of the death, on Sunday last, of W. K. Dudman, Esq., of Yarmouth. A glance at his face and form, at the time of the Anlips. For more than twelve years Mr. Dudman had held the office of sheriff. and in that capacity and as a citizen had been both popular and efficient. Methodist readers do not need to be told of his connection with our Church, and of his prominent place in our Conference committees. spread sympathy will be felt for his esteemed widow and family.

LITERARY, &c.

The North American Review for October presents a most attractive list of contents for the thoughtful reader. The topics are varied and suggestive, and the writers are men of the first ability.

Harper's Magazine, for the present month, is rich in illustration, story, ny were charged by successive sweeps; while it was nearly fourteen hours behistorical sketch, description of travel. fore it was first detected on the Auspoetry, incident and amusement. The most fastidious must find something in it to please and profit him.

> Dio Lewis': Monthly, for September, as a health magazine, is worthy of a place in every home. Attention to its Hygienic Department alone would work a revolution that would bless the

During a recent visit the writer was rlad to see volumes of Messrs. Funk Wagnall's "Standard Library" in the hands of passengers on the steamers and railway trains. These volumes are well worthy of all the patronage they receive. Two new books have just been added to the list. No. 96 is Jewish Artizan Life, by Franz Delitzsch, who has a world-wide reputation as one of the ablest scholars in Biblical science. In this volume he throws a new light upon the country in which Jesus lived and upon the people among whom He moved. Both ing style. In the other volume, Scientific Sophisms, by Samuel Wainwright, D. D., the views of Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall and others on Evolution and kindred subjects are subjected to searching criticism, and the fal-All these are signs that old as our earth is, she is still full of vigor; The book is well calculated to remove skeptical doubts and to confirm the old belief that "He who made all things she is still alive. It is some 400 years is God." The price of the first of these since any equally powerful evidence volumes is 15 cents; of the second 25. of the forces of nature was afforded in S. F. Huestis, Halifax, is Agent. Europe, when, in the fifteenth century, what is now known as Monte

On the festival of St. James, the patron saint of Spain, the 25th of July last, 1,300 copies of the Gospel were committed to the flames in the Custom-house at Barcelona.

The Baptists in Hungary have suffered much from persecution the past year. Many have been imprisoned ; N. B. & P. E. I. CONFERENCE. MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Missionary Committee of the N. B. & P. E. I. Conference will meet in the Exmouth Street Methodist Church, St. John, on Tuesday, 2nd October, at 9 o'clock, a.m. S. T. TEED,

METHODIST NOTES.

At a very pleasant sociable held at the residence of G. Goodwin, Esqr. of Granville, upwards of \$60 was raised toward the erection of a Sunday school

A large tea-meeting was held at Passekeag, N. B., on the 18th inst. In the evening after the music Prof. Foster delivered a lecture on

The recent tea-meeting at Summerville was well patronized, the proceeds not, he decided, have caused such a amounting to nearly four hundred state of lethargic intoxication. The dollars. Had the committee had wine must have been drugged by the more supplies they would have made

Extensive alterations and improvements are being made in the Providence Church, Yarmouth, During the progress of these the congregation and Sabbath-school have been accommodated in the large building recently owned by W. H. Moody & Co.

The members of the Wallace Methodist choir, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. I. G. Wel's, gave a very interesting concert recently at the Temperance Hall. The selections, both instrumental and vocal, were admirably rendered.

The Kaye, St. congregation had pleasant excursion to Wolfville last week. A number availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the beautiful scenery along the line of the W. A. R. and at the same aiding the fund for furnishing the parsonage.

The Floral and Art Exhibition given recently by the Charles Street Sundayschool is deserving of extended notice. We have only room to say that it was decidedly successful. Such efforts to cultivate the young people's skill in useful arts and their taste for the good and beautiful are worthy of encouragement, and should by all means be con-

A correspondent writes from St. John, N. B. - "Carmarthen St. Methodist Mission begs to report progress. The outlook is encouraging. Our members are few but are thoroughly in earnest. We intend making an effort, during the time of the nual Conference of last summer, pre- Exhibition here, to raise money to furpared us for the statement of ill-health | nish the Church building by furnish which we then heard from his own ing meals in the basement, and sleep ing accommodation in the unfinished main audience room which has not vet been used for worship. Four hundred berths with mattrasses without covering will be supplied, and as the building will be warmed, all who occupy our berths may expect to pass a comfortable night. Carmarthen St. Church is a mission church. Contributions to the building fund are solicited."

ABROAD.

The English Wesleyan Conference declined to pronounce officially on the subject of marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The letter of the Secretary of the Marriage Law Reform Association was simply acknowledged.

As a result of the revival services in Kansas City, conducted by Rev. Thomas Harrison, 280 persons have united with the Methodist Church on probation, while many others have onnected themselves with other churches in the city.

The English Methodist Free Churchs have 50 missionaries laboring in the British colonies and in East and West Africa. The past year will show an increase of 1,400 members on the home and foreign stations combined.

It has been decided to hold a series of revival services in connection with every church in the Enniskillen (Ireland) district during the months of October, November and December next. Extensive use is to be made of handbills.

The English Wesleyan Methodist Conference has this year appointed two ministerial evangelists, Revs. T. Cook and T. Waugh, to act under the Home Missionary Committee in spe-cial evangelistic work, and Rev. H. P. Hughes has received an assistant place and people are sketched in charm- to enable him to leave his circuit occasionally for the same purpose.

During the last fifteen years a truly marvellous social and religious revolution has been effected in the little fishing village of Marshside, England, lacies in their deductions ably shown. largely through Primitive Methodist agency. Not long ago a beautiful chapel and schools were erected at a cost of £2,200. Most of the money was subscribed by the people themselves. Over a dozen fishing girls 000 homeless girls and young women, contributed subscriptions of £5 each.

> John Holden, of Reading, was men to his burial. But his end. though sudden, was peaceful. He at Brighton; but he was buried in end of the year - Mail. Reading Cemetery, and, being a Primitive Methodist, a temperance advocate, and a vis. or of the sick and

to the tomb. - Wa'chman.

The English Wesleyans have resolvwell as for the increase of success In both cases all hands were lost. abroad; that the subject shall be brought before all their congregations on the Lord's-day, and also before the teachers and scholars of the Sundayschools; and that prayer-meetings ernment of the colony until the apshall be held throughout the week in all the circuits, and, as far as practicable, in all their chapels and preach-

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

ing-places.

E. A. Harris of Fitchburg, Mass., a religious worker among railway men has sent out a circular asking for \$18. 000 with which to build and equip a mission car for use in railway missions.

The Minister of Public Worship in Germany ordered all Protestant school children to be presented, on the Luther anniversary, with a valuable little work containing a well-written life of the great Retormer.

On a recent Sunday morning the Bishop of Liverpool preached in the parish church at Moulin, Perthshire, Dr. Rvle wore no gown, hat entered

the pulpit in the ordinary walking dress of a bishop. He conducted the whole service after the Presbyterian

The Roman Catholic churches of Michigan have been forbidden by heir bishop to raise money by raffles, irs, excursions or balls. This has lessened the income of several charitable institutions, and the bishop has ordered an assessment of his diocese to make up a deficit of \$1,300.

In Rome there is a Military church which has a Sunday school connected with it, the members of which are soldiers of the army. Every soldier recites a verse of Scripture he has committed to memory, and reads in turn from his own Bible. The prayer is made by one of the soldiers every

GLEANINGS, Etc.

THE DOMINION. Crops of all kinds in P. E. Island

are reported to be unusually large. There are altogether in Manitoba and Keewatin 56 bands of Indians

and 25 Indian schools in operation. Kent, N. B., has elected Mr. Landry, the Government candidate, by a. large majority.

An election under the Canada Tem- not be made public before a report perance Act will take place in the of them has been sent to Rome and county of Cumberland on Oct. 25.

The Princess Louise has donated a picture of her own painting to the Dominion National Gallery as a me mento of her residence in Canada.

H. M. S. Northampton has been joined by a young Japanese prince, who came out in the Peruvian as one of her midshipmen. In Woodstock, N. B., three persons

were each fined \$50 and costs, and another \$100 and costs, for violation of the Scott Act.

More than eleven hundred voters of Charlotte County, N. B., have pe- holy see. titioned for the repeal of the Scott Act in that county.

Over forty-six tons of blueberries

were shipped from Yarmouth this season, amounting in value to upwards of five thousand dollars. The August pay sheet of the New

Brunswick Railway has on it the names of about 1000 employes, and the monthly pay is a trifle under \$30.-The writ for the Lunenburg elec-

tion has been issued. Nomination day will be the third of October, polling the tenth, and declaration the sixteenth. The weather in parts of New Bruns-

wick has been so dry that streams of the Kennebeccasis and other rivers never known to be dry before, have been dried up for some time. Reports from Woodstock, Houlton,

Caribou, Fort Fairfield, and Presque Isle are to the effect that an unprecedented yield of potatoes will be ready for shipment in that section this year. Mann, who so cruelly murdered several members of the Cook family

at Little Rideau, Quebec, in Decem-

ber last, has acknowledged his guilt

and been sentenced to be hanged on the 12th of Oct. The Truro Exhibition was formally opened on Tuesday. A guard of hon-or from the 78th Colchester formed in front of the main entrance, through which his honor the Lieut. Governor passed into the building to deliver the

opening address. In a recent issue the Boston Advertiser says: In Boston there are 20.whose wages average only \$4 per week. The Halifax girls who are so anxious to go to Boston will do well to ponattended, like Stephen, by devout der over this fact. If Nova Scotian don. Considerable anxiety is felt for girls would only work one-half as well ber safety. The police are taking at home as they are glad to abroad, | special precautions to protect her son. died, in fact, while bathing in the sea they would be much better off at the

The Greeley relief stea aship Yantic poor, who had done "kind actions to has arrived at St. John's, having ob trial, which will take place in Norther thousands," a multitude, it is said, of tained no tiding of Greeley or any of ber, will be a mem rable of so. It is ten thousand persons" followed his his party. She brings the crew and understood that Mes Carey has remains from the house and the chapel science of a most astound in crushed in flee do on the 12th of July, nature.

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Hon. Edward Morris, President of the Legislative Council, has been sworn in as administrator of the Govpointment of a successor to the late Sir Henry Maxe.

GENERAL.

It is reported that there have been eight hundred deaths from yellow fever at Mazatlan during the last six

The London correspondent of the Globe is authority for the statement that the fisheries exhibition will close on October 31st.

Thirty-six townships in county Clare, eight in county Limerick, and two in county Mayo, have been proclaimed. Extra bodies of police have been sent to these districts.

The general committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science yesterday elected Lord Rayleigh president for 1884. The next meeting, which will be hold in Montreal, has been fixed for the 27th of August, 1884.

The English police authorities have, it is stated, received information that there are at present upwards of 20. 000 spurious Australian and other sovereigns in circulation. These base coins in addition to being of superior make and finish contain 7s. 6d. worth

An Irish candidate has presented himself for the vacant post of common hangman in England, in the person of a member of the Kent Co. Constabulary, He would not adopt, he says. the "long drop" system introduced by Marwood, but would resort to Calcraft's method of 31 ft. drop.

There is a considerable falling off in the number of emigrants from Liverpool. During the first eight months of last year the number reached 182,-462, whilst the number during the eight months ending Aug. 31st, was

Lord Derby has forwarded a despatch to the Australian Government stating that the Imperial Government deprecates the proposed annexation of the Pacific islands to the Australian colonies.

The Roman Catholics are holding an Eccleciastical Council in New York. The discussions and conclusions will

approved by the Pope The appropriations for public-school purposes in Louisana have been entirely exhausted, and as a result, every public school in the State has been closed. The probabilities are that they will remain closed until next

The Moniteur learns that negotiations between the Vatican and France have reached a satisfactory conclusion. The French government has restored the suppressed stipends to the Catholic clergy, and given a formal assurance of most pacific intentions toward the

It is noticeable that while a large majority of the clergymen attending the Provincial Synod of the Church of England are opposed to marriage with a deceased wife's sister, a much larger majority of the laymen are against the Synod expressing opposition to such marriages .- Toronto

The Netherlands Trading Co. has remitted 137,000 florins to Batavia to aid the sufferers by catastrophe in Java. The British minister here has informed the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs that the Government of the Straits settlement has, by authority of England, advanced \$25,000 for the same object.

A touching story comes from Belgium. A few days ago the wife of a gentleman on the line between Soliegem and Alost was attending to her husband's duty when her little boy strayed in front of a fast train. With out a moment's hesitation the mother sprang across the rails, and seizing her child, tossed it upon the bank the very second before she was caught by the locomotive and killed. The child escaped with a few bruises.

The Temps says : "The Marquis of Tseng's proposals for the settlement of existing difficulties between China and France comprised the annexation of Annam as far as Red River by the French, China annexing the remainder of Tonquin, and Red River to be open to the commerce of the world. The French memorandum claims the entire delta, with the exclusive control of navigation, and further demands a portion of the left bank of the Red

Mrs. Carey, wife of James Carey, landed on Tuesday at Greenhith, on the Thames, eighteen miles from Lon-On the same day O'Donnell was taken to the Bow Street Police Court. Special precautions were taken by the police to prevent any a tempt at rescue. Everything indicates that the UNITED GENERAL CONFER-ENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

SEVENTH DAY.

· Wednesday, Sept. 12.

The seventh day's proceedings of morning, Rev. Dr. Williams presiding. After devotional exercises, the Committee on the Course of study present-

ed their report. The discussion on the name of the Church was resumed.

Rev. J. Lathern thought in the inadopted.

Mr. J. Edmondson thought it would Hamilton receive the go-by. be wrong for his body, the Primitive Methodists, to ask that their name motion. be adopted, and on the same ground he held that it would be wrong for the name, "The Methodist Church."

the vote be now taken, and the to retain the name of Niagara. several amendments to the report

The report of the committee recom-Methodist Onuren, was then adopted 11st.

amid cheers. lowing notice of motion :-

"That it shall not be competent for any minister of the Methodist Church in active service to engage in secular work or become adjourn until to morrow moaning in a member of any secular boards for investing

Rev. Dr. Stewart gave notice that he would move,

"That in view of the anticipated legal consummation of the union of the Methodist Churches of this Dominion this Conference provide for suitable religious services to be held throughout our whole (hurch at the time specified for entering on organization." The Report of the Committee on

Missions was then taken up. To the clause recommending the appointment Methodist Episcopal Church, regardof a superintendent of missions in the North West

Mr. John Kent moved in amendment.

"That in view of the fact that two superintendents have been elected, it is inexpedient that such an officer be appointed for the

Rev. Dr. Rice said the office in question was designed to meet the exigencies of the beginning of the work in the North-West. It was not intended as a permanent office, but at present that officer was needed all the time during the summer months. The work hitherto has been ably carried out by Rev. Dr. Young, and he trusted the conference would see its way clear to retain Dr. Young in the position.

Revs. W. C Henderson and E. A. Russ supported the recommendation of the committee and Mr. J. A.

Adams opposed it. Rev. Dr. Ryckman said the vote for two general superintendents had certainly been swayed by the consideration that one of them would be able to turn his attention to the great mission field in the North-West, and he thought that idea should be carried

Rev. Dr. Young said he had that one of them would devote his time to the North-West work. They could not afford to leave that work for any length of time. It required constant attention during the spring, summer, and autumn. His conviction was that unless one of the general superintendents gave more than a few weeks to the work, in fact devoted the whole of his time to it, they would find that other Churches would be doing the work which they were neglecting.

Mr. John Macdonald was in favor of the clause in the Report.

Rev. Dr. Potts said he hoped that if the conference were not prepared to appoint a general Superintendent of missions for the North-West they would refer the matter to the Central Board of Missions. If in the wisdom of that board there should be a pressing need for the continuance of such an officer it would be a great pity if the missionary authorities of the Church should not have the power to

carry on the work. Judge Dean supported the report of

the committee. Rev. Dr. Stone and Rev. S. F.

Hon. Senator Ferrier recognised destroy the times the importance of the North-West drunkard making.

17 thought that it 6. We accept of no local option as ultiwould require all the time of the general superintendents to attend to it, and even then they would find the assistance of such a gentle- tive remedy for a legalized evil is to make man as Dr. Young necessary.

On the vote being taken, Mr. Kent's resolution was adopted, the appointment of a missionary superintendent thus being negatived. The remaining clauses of the report

were then proceeded with. conference treasurers was eliminated. Several clauses had been adopted when

APTERNOON SESSION

the conference took recess.

The president took the chair at two

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Annual Conference Boundaries was read as follows :-

"That whereas there are Bible Christian Churches in Ohio and Wisconsin, Unit 1 states, which are now in connection with the Bible Christian Church of Canada, therefore resolved. "that the whole question of the future relation, if any, which these Churches shall sustain to the Methodist Church be referred to the General Conference Special

The recommendation was agreed to. Rev. W. W. Percival moved that the question of the names of the annual conferences be reconsidered.

Rev. Mr. Percival then moved that the proposed names of the Bay of Quinte and Niagara conferences be changed to Believille and the United Methodist Conference Hamilton respectively. He obwere resumed at nine o'clock this jected to the former names on the ground of indefiniteness and want of euphony. He held that it would be nothing but an act of gracefulness on the part of the conference to remember the city where this august assembly was being held, and with regard to the latter conference, it did not look terests of peace and harmony the re- reasonable that it should bear the port of the committee should be name of the insignificant town of Niagara and the prosperous city of

Rev. Dr. Aylsworth seconded the

Rev. Dr. Rice moved in amendment that the name of the Bay of strongest Church to press for its name Quinte Conference be changed to to be adopted. He approved of the Belleville As the people of Belleville were anxious for the change he A motion was made and carried that was willing to concede it, but wished

Dr. Allison sincerely trusted that were put and successively negatived. the conference would adhere to its original action. The vote being taken mending that the name be "The Rev. Dr. Rice's motion was declared

thereupon put and declared lost. Mr. John Macdonald gave the fol- The names of the conferences as originally proposed, Bay of Quinte and Hamilton, are therefore retained.

The conference then decided order to allow the committees to meet.

EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 13. The eighth day's session of the United Methodist Conference commenced this morning at nine o'clock, Rev. Dr. Williams presiding. After devotional

exercises. Rev. S. Card presented a memorial from the General Conference of the ing the holding of a Sunday school parliament on the St. Lawrence.

The third report of the Committee on the General Superintendency recommended as follows:-1. That the general superintendent

shall, when present, open the annual con-

ference, and preside during the first day of its session, and afterwards alternately with the president selected by the annual confer-2. He shall be a member of the annual conference within the jurisdiction of which he resides when elected.

3. He shall not take part in the proceedings of his annual conference any further than his duties as general superintendent may require. He shall be ex officio a member of the General Conference sitting at the time his

term of office shall expire.

5. He shall be eligible for re-election. 6. He shall be elected to the general superintendency from among the ministerial members of the Church by ballot without nomination.

The report was received. The second report of the Commit-

tee on Temperance recommended :-1. On temperance in the home and Sun day-school. The characters of our children are for the most part made or marred in the home. We would earnestly recommend all our people to have family pledge cards in their homes on which the names of the parents and children shall be written, and our Sunday-schools, working in har mony with the home, shall organize as far supported the appointment of two as pos-ible Bands of Hope or other juvenile general superintendents, supposing societies, and hold a public meeting at least that one of them would devote his once every three months in each school. We also recommend the introduction of lessons on temperance as important aids in the education of children in the home and

2 With reference to the introduction of temperance text-books in the Common Schools of our Dominion, we recognize its importance, and recommend that the necessary steps be taken in conjunction with others to secure the accomplishment of this desirable end.

3. The pen is mightier than the sword; use it then to the utmost to advance the cause of temperance and prohibition by cir-

culating papers and information.

4 The Canada Temperance Act of 1878. known as the Scott Act, is the only form of ohibition we have on the statute books of the Dominion and believing it can be made productive of great good to the cause of ultimate prohibition, we recommend our peo-ple in every county where it is not now in force to take steps for the submission of the sail act to a vote of the ratepayers.

We believe in the right of a free people to protect themselves from the action of all laws that protect and license at a rate that is fraught with so much danger to their peace and safety, and as no regulation of the liquor traffic will arrest to any appeciable extent and for any length of time the evils arising from the use of liquors as a beverage, we earnestly recommend the tens of thousands of Mcthodist people hav-ing the franchise to vote for those candidates only who pledge themselves to give Huestis thought the general superin. such legislation as will remove from the tendents could efficiently look after statute-books all laws licensing the sale of strong drinks for purposes of beverages, and as will enact such laws as shall for ever

mate legislation on this question. Local option laws are but partial prohibition and temporary expedients, valuable so far as they go, but the only and completely effecit illegal by repealing all laws protecting and licensing it. Then to gather all the force of law, backed up by an educated public opinion, for its utter extermination we aim at, and will be satisfied with nothing less than total prohibition from the

7. We commend the work of the ladies The clause recommending annual of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the prayerful sympathy and help of the Church. They are co-workers in the great cause of temperance and prohibition. generous towards them in recognition of all their claims. Be assured that woman's work in this reform is an essential and mighty force in the success that awaits it. Woman's place in the home is supreme; her place in the school as an educator is equal to that of man; her place in the learned professions is now freely accorded, not out of compliment, but of merit, and it only remains for the Government to grant her the right of the franchise. which right is fast being recognized by

those who lead in the van of progress.

8. We carnestly recommend and entreat the official board, of our Church to secure for sacrameatal purposes the pure unfermented juice of the grape and to use that

The report was received.

The Committee on Transfers submitted their report with the following resolution attached :-

"That in the view of the division and multiplication of annual conferences, and consequent restrictedness of the territory within the bounds of each conference, we deem it important that provision be made for a frequent interchange of ministers between the various conferences as a means of promoting a connexional feeling throughout the entire Church and maintaining the itinerancy in its integrity."

The first and second reports of the Committee on Church Property were read and received.

The second report of the Committee on Missions recommended : 1 A reconsideration of the clause of the

stitution authorizing the General Conference to eject twelve members of the General Board of Missions, with view of in- fund. reasing the number to eighteen 2. The following rames as members of the General Board of Missions in addition to the officers of the society and those ap-

pointed by the annual conferences and conference m ssionary committees for the ensuing quadrennium: Ministers-Rev. Drs. Young, Douglas, Stone, Potts, John Shaw, S. F. Huestis, E Roberts, J. Gray, and W. Bee.

Laymen-Hon. J. Ferrier, Lieut-Governor Aikins, W. E. Sandford, R. Walker, G. A. Cox, J. Paterson, A. L. Morden, W. Gooderham, and J. Hull. Consideration of the first mission

report was resumed. to the clause,

"That the Japan Victoria, New West-minster, and Fort Simpson districts shall be considered missionary districts, and the Central Roard may apportion directly to each mission in these districts."

The report was adopted, as also the second report, which appears above. The report of the Committee on the Publishing Interests was next considered. It recommended among oth-

er things, that the Halifax and Toronto book-rooms of the Methodist Church of Canada be continued by the united Church ; that the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian book establishments be continued until the 1st of July next, or until whatever time the united Church shall begin its legal existence; that the Canada Christian Advocate, Christian Journal and the Observer be discontinued at the same time, and that the Christian Guardian be sent for the remainder of the year to subscribers to those journals. If any of these papers are circulating in the Maritime Provinces, a similar course shall be pursued by supplying the WESLEYAN.

The expediency of opening a branch book-room and publishing a weekly paper in Winnipeg had been under the consideration of the committee, and they were of the opinion that should a suitable building be provided by friends in that city it might be expedient to open a book-room there at no distant date.

Regarding the proposition to issue a weekly paper there, it was recommended that the western section of the Book Committee be authorized to consider the whole matter, and to adopt such measures as might be deemed necessary. The Methodist hymnbook now used in the Methodist Church of Canada is recommended to be adopted by all the congregations of the united Church. The congregations of the other three uniting bodies in the churches until the present supply of such books is exhausted.

The constitution of the book and publishing establishments was appended to the report

Rev. S. Williamson moved that the

name of the Christian Guardian be changed to the Methodist. Several members of the Methodist Episcopal delegation objected, and on the vote being taken Mr. Williamson's was the only hand raised in fa-

vor of his amendment. The Conference then took recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The President took the chair at two o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, the following being its salient points :-1. That it is the sense of this committee

that both Victoria and Albert colleges be continued for the present in active operation in the full exercise of all their powers. 2. That the ultimate object to be reached shall be, first, the establishment of a consolidated university for the Methodist Church,

and secondly, the maintenance of Albert College as a high class academic institution 3. That the practical amalgamation of university work be committed to a large comnission to arrange for the consolidation of the universities as rapidly as it can be done

with financial safety. 4. That the following be the commission for the consolidation of the universities :-Drs. Rice, Nelles, Potts, Burwash, J. A. Williams, Carman, A. Sutherland, Ryckman, W. I. Shaw, D. J. Sutherland, Judge Dean, Messrs. W. Kerr, G. A. Cox, Jas Mills, John Macdonald, W. E. Sanford, J. J. Mac aren, J. B. Rose, W. Gooderham, R. J. Walker, J. Aylesworth, B. F. Austin, J. Gillsard, Drs. Jaques, Badgl-y, Aylesworth, Morden, Burdett, Revs. A Campbell, Stratton, and J. J. Rice.

The report on the celebration of the centenary of the organization of Methodism in America recommended that the invitation of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America to take part in the celebration be cordially

The third report of the Committee on Temperance was presented. It recommended the appointment of an agent, or agents, whose whole time shall be employed in the temperance work of the Church, whenever such arrangements can be made as shall warrant such action.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented. It stated that he salaries and travelling and incidental expenses of the general superintendents until the next General Conference will be \$13,500. The expenditure for the following interests is expected to be :- Transfer Com. ed a: 10 p. m.

mittee, \$750; Court of Appeal, \$250: delegation, \$600; General Conference committees, \$200; legislation, \$1,000; travelling expenses of delegates to next General Conference, \$6,000: or a total expenditure of \$22,300. It recommended that this amount be raised by an annual collection to be held in the month of July.

Consideration of the report on the publishing interests was resumed. On the clause providing for granting \$2,000 from the book-room profits to the superannuation fund.

Rev. W. S. Griffin moved that the Book Committee be required to appropriate not less than . Fee cent. of the net profits of the business to the business to the superannuation

Rev. Dr. Douglas was glad that this question had been brought forward. He was in favor of a large share of the profits being devoted to the superannuation fund.

Rev. Dr. Rice advocated the extension of the business rather than pay ing away all its profits.

Mr. John Macdonald said that undue haste of the triends of the superannuation fund might injure the prospects of the bookroom. It was infinitely safer to put a small amount Rev. S. Bond moved in amendment | away to the rest for improved machinthar things than to have no fund to fall back upon.

> Rev. Wm. Briggs said that at present there were over one hundred employes engaged in the establishment at Toronto, as compared with twenty

when he first became connected with it. The progress that had been made entitled the purchasing of new machinery, and he thought it advisable that the Book Committee should not be crippled in their effort to extend the business. He was sure the committee would make a good grant to the superannuation fund, and if they could see their way clear would no doubt increase it.

Rev. Mr. Griffin's amendment was negatived by a large majority. The remaining clauses were gone through. and the report as a whole was adopted. The education report was next

Rev. A. Stafford moved the adoption of a clause providing that,

"Inasmuch as there are in the Province of Manitoba two regular constituted bodies holding charters for the establishment of collegiate institutions, one that of the Wes-ley College, of the Methodist Church of Canada, the other that of Trinity College, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and as neither has et made financial investments or begun educational work, this conference appoint an addition to the board of Wesl y College, such board having full power to secure the necessary legisla-tion for the amalgamation of the two Churches, to employ professors and lutors, and to complete all necessary arrangements for the commencement of an educational institute at such time as the board might

This clause was adopted and the report was agreed to.

Judge Dean moved for the appointment of a committee to prepare a respectful and affectionate address to the Conference of the Bible Christian Church in England, setting forth the happy union which had been effected among all the members of the may use the hymn-books now in use Methodist families in this Dominion, and urging upon them with the greatest respect reasons which we think should prevail with them in giving their consent to the Bible Christian Conference in this country going into this union, and asking for them and for this whole Church the good-will and blessing of the venerable fathers and brethren of the English

Bible Christian Church. Mr. John Macdonald suggested in addition that the address be presented by a deputation to be appointed by ine conference.

The resolution was supported by a number of speakers.

Rev. G. Webber said that from a letter he had received from England last Monday the difficulties would soon be smoothed over. The English Conference did not regard itself as owners of the Bible Christian Church property in this country. That could be clearly shown. By the figures which had been carefully compiled, slightly over \$6,000 worth was reported as being in existence prior to 1854, so that \$388,000 of their present property in Canada had been accumulated since they became independent in that year. He was sure there would be no real difficulty placed in the way, so far as legislative action was concerned, the friends across the ocean had no disposition to create difficulty in that way. He hoped no deputation would be sent, but if an address were presented it would have weight with the English Conference, and being laid before the executive meeting next month it would be considered, and no doubt they would be prepared to accede to it.

That part of the resolution referring to a deputation was by leave expunged, and the motion was then adopted. The conference took recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The president took the chair at 7.30. The fifth report of the Committee on Discipline was taken up. On the seventh clause, regarding

that it be expunged. Rev. J. Wakefield moved in amend ment that it be retained. He believed the rule was of advantage to the Church. It was not a fact that it was

a dead letter.

young ministers, a motion was made

After some discussion,-Rev. Mr. Wakefield's motion was lost by 53 to The rule is therefore eliminated. 40. Several clauses of the report were adopted, and the conference adjournNOW READY

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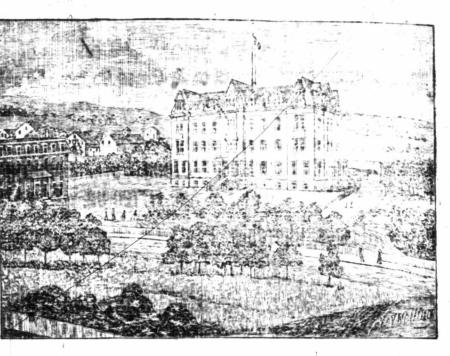
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