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According to the above teaching, Confucius is now regarded by the Chinese as equal with heaven. His words are therefore sacred, and to challenge them is to challenge heaven.

Shanghai, Feb. 4, 1857. Southern Christian Advocate.

Correspondence.

Liverpool Circuit.

Mr. ENTON.—It will rejoice the hearts of God's people, and will be especially pleasing to those who have labored in former years on Liverpool Circuit to learn that during the past few months several places in the country part of this Circuit have been visited with a gracious revival of religion.

When the present junior preacher was appointed by the President to this Circuit to supply the place of Mr. Harris who, much to the regret of our people here, was called away to occupy the position left vacant by the sudden and lamentable death of Mr. Chesley, he was conscious that owing to the great extent of the field of labor, and the many inconveniences of travelling, such as bad roads, poor ferries, &c., neither himself nor others had been able to visit with satisfaction to themselves, or with the amount of profit to the public that could be desired.

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On Saturday evening, April the 13th, after much prayerful anxiety, meetings were commenced at Little Harbor, a place formerly the scene of glorious revivals, but one in which for many years past there have been no religious meetings held except when a preacher was present. Here the Lord visited the people in mercy, and the fruit of labors, prayers and tears, is now seen in the commencement and conducting among themselves of public and social means of grace, and in the happy enjoyment of the favor and love of God by some twenty-eight of the people, including aged, middle aged, and young persons, both men and women.

The meetings at Port Jolie having been closed on the 25th ult., a service was begun on the following evening in our neat and comfortable Church at Port Matton. Here, too, God heard and answered prayer, and gave such displays of his saving power as some of our oldest friends there say they never before witnessed in that place. At the close of these services on the 13th inst., as the result of their being received on trial for membership with our Church some fifteen young men and women, children of our own people, while some from other places, and others who have not united with us, have professed to receive the blessings of pardon and regeneration.

I cannot close this communication without here gratefully referring to the valuable aid, both in council and effort, rendered by our worthy Brother Houston, who kindly, and at the expense of personal inconvenience and pecuniary loss, aided me during my portion of the time, first at Little Harbor, where for many years he has occasionally, and with great acceptance, preached the Gospel of Christ; and second, at Port Jolie, where in former years he was associated with other ministers on this Circuit in blessed revivals, where, too, since, he has frequently preached the word, sometimes talking from his own house on the Sabbath morning, a distance of fourteen miles to do so, and then back again the same following day, and where, on this time he has had the happiness of seeing that his labor has not been in vain in the Lord.—That upon him, his kind family, and the many dear people of this Circuit, who are anxiously gazing on the Christian Ministers, may ever rest the Christian blessings of the Head of the Church in his earnest prayer. Liverpool, May 29th.

Cornwallis Circuit.

DEAR SIR.—Some of our recent Sabbath services have been associated with very interesting circumstances. On Easter Sunday five persons were "Baptized with water" in the Church at Canning;—and on the 10th inst., twelve received this "natural sign of an inward and spiritual grace;" the mode of bestowing it, and the words used, were recorded in detail, and related in the Holy Scriptures, and found in the Acts, chapters i., x. and xi.—And last Sabbath, six more were also baptized, in the church at Western Cornwallis, these, with former numbers, make 36 adult baptisms in the Circuit, in connection with our branch of the church since last September.

The sacred character of these ministrations, and the awe-like stillness of the worshipping assemblies, invested the scenes with deep solemnity; while the hallowed influences which descended from the living Lord—the Receiver of gifts for men—and which rested upon the people, verified his ancient predictions, and witnessed to His approval of these Scriptural rites, "And on my servants and on my hand-maidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit." "So shall he sprinkle many nations." J. T. May 21, 1857.

Obituary Notice.

Died at Sable River, on the 30th ult., GEORGE CRAIG, aged 42 years. Mr. Craig was the son of Methodist parents, by whom he was early taught the fear of the Lord. He remained however, a stranger to vital godliness until nearly the close of the last year, at which time his earnest and long continued applications to the throne of grace were answered in the deliverance of his soul from the bondage of corruption, and its translation into the glorious liberty of God's dear children.

During the months succeeding this blessed change, he manifested, in pain and weakness, often extreme, entire resignation to God's will, and looked forward with cheerful hope to the time when his spirit should be summoned to the realms of light. He was enabled to give up to the tender care of his Heavenly Father his sorrowing wife and their five children, assured that He who had died so graciously with him would also provide for them.

His end was eminently peaceful, for he was able to adopt the confident language of David, and say, "Though I walk through the valley and shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." The universal respect entertained for the deceased, was testified by the assembling of miles around of very many people, who followed his remains to their last resting place. Our excellent Bro. Houston who was mainly instrumental in leading him to the Saviour, preached to the assembled crowd, a very affecting discourse founded on Numbers 23. x. S. A.

Provincial Wesleyan THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1857.

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Wesleyan Conference of Eastern British America.

PREPARATORY COMMITTEES. The members of the different Preparatory Committees will please to take notice that they will be expected to attend the different meetings at Sackville, N. B., in the week immediately preceding the Conference, in the following order: 1. Contingent Fund Committee on Friday, June 19, at 9 a. m. 2. Education Fund Committee do, do, 6 p. m. 3. Supernumerary and Ministers' Widows Fund Committee, on Saturday, June 20, at 9 a. m. 4. Book Committee, on Monday June 22, 9 a. m. 5. Sackville Academy Board Meeting, on Tuesday, June 23, at 9 a. m. 6. Auxiliary Missionary Committee, on Tuesday June 23, at 6 p. m.

Wesleyan Mission to China.

WHILE Cabinets have their attention drawn to China by national questions which occasion them no slight degree of perplexity, that vast and wonderful empire presses itself upon the consideration of Christians in an aspect of the grandest and gravest concern. It is a foul blot on the otherwise fair fame of England in the present day that she should permit the unhallowed traffic in opium to be carried on under the protection of that flag whose folds should never shelter crime,—should never float protectively over the perpetration of wrong. This is indeed a sad disgrace. But if such be Britain's shame, it is her glory that she has a bright array of true spirits, who not only denounce the unlawful introduction among the Chinese of a vile and body-withering drug, but earnestly strive to rescue this vast multitude which no man can number from the degradation into which they are being sunk, and to elevate them to the highest pinnacle of happiness—to the glorious liberty of the Gospel of the Son of God.

The Wesleyan Mission to China, around which at its institution so much doubt and hesitation hung, seems now to be firmly established in favor, and cheers the hearts of its contributors with the anticipation of the glorious results which must ultimately accrue to the cause of Christianity from their well-directed zeal. Just now a cloud hangs over the work at Canton; but who can doubt that when the transient storm has passed away the sun will shine out brighter than before, and a clearer, more propitious day hail back to the vineyard the temporarily dispersed laborers for the Lord? The Report of this Mission read at the late Public Breakfast Meeting in London by the Rev. Dr. HOOZE is of deep interest. It said: "The date of the last advices in the Report of 1856 is February 12th; and for a period

of seven or eight months following, the Missionaries pursued their usual course of labor. In March Mr. Cox informed the Committee that he had made a tour, in connection with which he and his wife went as far as fifty miles from Canton, visiting three considerable cities and several villages, and returned without molestation. They distributed many hundreds of tracts, and 1,500 New Testaments, which were in general eagerly sought after, and that the Emperor Ming was, as this month of China in the year of our Lord 58, in consequence of a dream sent ambassadors to the West in search of the Holy One, who had been taught by the writings of Confucius, would at that period appear in the world, and his ambassadors went to India, they met there with Buddhism; they took back the writings of Buddhist priests, and from that period to the present, Buddhism has been a large portion of the false religion of China. How sad it is to think that they stopped at India! We may trace in these writings of Confucius some remnant of Scriptural truth, but not quite probable that the name of Daniel had reached as far as China from Chaldean? Is it not probable that Confucius had heard something of that wondrous revelation by the angel Gabriel to Daniel, about the seventy weeks which should elapse before the Messiah should come? It is not likely that about the year 58 of our Lord, ambassadors should be sent from China in search of the Holy One? Because it had been predicted that such an one should appear, in the writings of this great philosopher. How sad that they did not come a little further in the language of our Lord, "I am here at Ephesus, and all the people were mourning in consequence of his appeals. In the year 58, Peter and John were preaching in Judea; and had these ambassadors called to the further West they might have seen the men who had 'seen the Lord.' How of the face of embracing only one of the more important discoveries of time, only because they want two or three steps in the order of inquiry, they fall short of it, and the matter is lost for ages. What curious thoughts arise in one's mind about such a tale as this! Why was China deprived of the benefits of the Christian Gospel, and the unfaithfulness of its ambassadors? What notion had Confucius of the Holy One, whom four centuries and a half after his death, he taught his countrymen to seek? At all events, this is our duty in connection with it. If China failed to find the Holy One because of the unfaithfulness of her ambassadors, we, who have the Gospel of that Holy One, should be diligent that which 1,800 years ago, that did not find. The ancient civilisation of China, to which reference has been made, has not preserved that country from gross superstition. The Buddhist cruelties of India are repeated by the Buddhist professors of the Chinese, civilised as it is, there is one temple erected to the worship of our work. A few Christian friends here render us hearty assistance.—We have been out among the Chinese every day. They gladly receive our books, and though the Canton dialect is not spoken by one-third of the population, they gather many thousands, who number altogether more than a million. They are not far from house to house affords many opportunities of unfolding the unsearchable riches of Christ. By the kindness of our friends we have rented a small house near the locality of the Canton-speaking Chinese. Recent letters state, that up to February 26th Mr. Cox has been engaged in health and safety. At Macao he has been very busy. Providence which has conducted our brethren in safety thither has been displayed in various ways. 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