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FROM THE PAPERS.

Six of the graduating class of New York University Medical College intend to go abroad as medical missionaries.

New York and Philadelphia have sent forth this spring from their Medical Schools five hundred and seventy-five

Dr. Day, of Boston, who has treated over 7000 cases of inebriety, says that eight-tenths of them are the traceable results of wine and beer-drinking.

A recent witticism attributed to the Bishop of London is: "The Dean of Westminster is the chief Nonconformist in my diocese.' At a recent examination in Peking, a

Chinese boy performed the almost incredible feat of repeating the whole New Testament without missing a single word. The amount contributed annually in the United States for foreign missions is

less than the sum spent for intoxicating liquors in three days. The Examiner and Chronicle (Baptist) says that "it is a fact, and a distressing one, that changes have taken place in a

single year in about one-third of all the

pastorates in the State of New York. The way to introduce a Methodist paper into every Methodist family is, for each Official Board, with the pastor, to take the matter in hand and do it.

-Christian Advocate. From Christian Guardian, Toronto: "Hen H. Windom, recently appointed Secretary of the Treasury in the American Cabinet, is a brother of Mrs. John Douglas, sister-in-law of Rev. Dr. Douglas, of Montreal."

We are constantly hearing the cry against the amount of money expended in foreign missions, but New York city expends two-thirds as much on its police as all societies in the United States together spend in foreign missions.

By the way, I find we are to have a succession of Presidents in the Œcumenical Conference from day to day, perhaps a new one each day of the twelve. Variety is charming. I hope it will prove so in this case. —London Methodist.

Christian union was well illustrated in Birmingham, England, January 16th, when the pastors of sixty-one different churches-Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian—exchanged

Postmaster-general James, in declining a banquet tendered him by New York merchants, thanked them for their appreciation of the manner in which he has performed his duties in the past, but he adds that the trial of his atness has only just begun.

In noting the fact that in spite of its famine Ireland consumed over \$50,000. 000 in whiskey last year, the National Baptist aptly says, "It is not the land-lords or the land laws that keep Ireland down, it is whiskey, ignorance, and su-

The Dowager Queen Caroline Amelia. of Denmark, who died the other day, lived for the last thirty years in the greatest seclusion. She occupied herself only with works of charity, annually putting aside one-third of her income for the benefit of the poor.

Noticing the prohibition tidal-wave the Methodist Advocate says: "In Georgia, much is being done. Mississippi is falling into line. Arkansas and Texas are surprising the world by their advance movements. In the South, at this time, there is more interest in prohibition than in total abstinence."

The Bishop of Toronto, preaching in Grace Church on a recent Sunday, attributed the stationary position of the Church of England in Canada to lack of missionary enterprise. The church in which the Bishop made the remarks was being reopened after an expenditure of \$10,000 in extension. - Witness.

The New Orleans Advocate says of a formidable report of deficiencies in ministeriil support in certain Conferences : "The preachers can live better without for every form of sin. It lies first in the getting of more religion, and second in the changing of our methods,'

"The Christian Union nominates Count Higuana to be Chief of Police in New York city. He has had the honor to receive four petard explosions in the street opposite his house, Madrid, Spain, an honor which he has earned by having closed sixty gambling houses and sent from twenty to thirty gamblers to

the common jail. An Episcopal paper has the following: It is expected that Miss Smiley will be in Cincinnati during Lent, and will give Bible readings in Christ Church. The Bishop of Southern Ohio heartily approves of the invitation of the rector of Christ Church to this gifted Christian teacher to visit Cincinnati and begin

A bill has been passed by the Wisconsin Assembly which makes insanity for five years a sufficient ground for divorce. Insanity is a disease of the mind, almost always having its source in the body : and to make disease a ground of divorce between parties who have taken each other for "better or worse" strikes us as altogether a new idea.

The Constitution of California provides that the judges of the higher courts of that state shall not receive their monthly salary without first taking an oath that no cause remains undecided that has been submitted to them for a period of ninety days. If a judge does not decide a case within this time, then his pay stops till he does so.

The Philadelphia Christian Statesman disposes of the question of wine at state dinners in this style: "It is no more necessary for the President of the United States to furnish wine to guests from wine-drinking countries than it would be to furnish whale-blubber and tallow candles for a delegation of Esquimaux, or jerked buffalo meat for a company of Indian chiefs.

The Rev. Joseph Cook is thus spoken of by a Welsh paper: "You might take him for a well-to-do farmer of the Vale of Glamorgan—happy, contented, well-fed, a large share-holder in our veritable fiesh and blood. When he begins to speak, it is not the speech of the elegant world which strikes you; but a homely, ed to them for safe keeping. broad, farm-lik accent, with a dash of

The land swindles just unearthed in Missouri cover 1,000,000 acres, and have been in progress since 1854, though carried on so skillfully that detection has been delayed until now. The ring engaged in the business is believed to have included government officials, and it acquired large tracts of public land before the war for almost nothing, by preparing false affidavits that wild lands had been actually settled and cultivated.

The Sunday-school collection at Mamaroneck, N.Y., for worn-out ministers, to which we called attention last week. was a great success. Mr. Rushmore reports that the collection amounted to \$600, while the church gives enough to make it \$3000. Here is a bit of example for a worthy cause and its collections. We hope that the Mamaroneck plan will be tried elsewhere, everywhere and thoroughly. -N. Y. Methodist.

The Southern Churchman savs the Tunkers in Missouri have split on the question whether, in feet, washing, one foot or both should be washed. This is incorrect. If such schism has occurred, it was, probably, on the question of using the single or double mode. The single mode is that in which one person both washes and wipes the feet of another; in the double mode, one person washes and another wipes. Both modes are allowed and both have been used for years. Think of a saint with only one foot washed !- N. Y. Independent.

The Echo and Daily News have been giving us a peep into the household arrangements of the Establishment. No Methodist preachers could be induced to change places with Anglican curates on pecuniary grounds. The "educated gentleman," the stay and glory of 2000 country parishes, in the absence of the incumbent, has still a golden opportunity of serving the wealthiest Church in hristendem, and "passing rich on £40 a year." A curate is mentioned as re- a self-made character out. ceiving £5 a year and a furnished house in the diocese whose Archbishop receives

deacon who lives fifty miles away, and has to be sent for whenever they have the communion. Conversions are unknown. The congregations are small, but the Church has a settled pastor and of our readers could conjecture how. The church has a grave-yard, the only one there, and its principal revenue is derived from the sale of graves. Forty receiving these amounts than the Church or fifty persons a year are buried there, can without paying them. There is a and at \$10 each for graves the income sure remedy for these things, as there is is \$400 or \$500. Instead of the dead burying the dead, this may be said to be the dead keeping the dead alive. - ChrisA GOOD CHARACTER.

BY REV. G. O. HUESTIS.

A good character is not talent, or remarkable mental ability : for some men thus endowed by nature, are not in possession of a good character. Others, who have not been favored with special intellectual power, have acquired great excellence of character. Nor is it genius; inventive thought, in literature, science and mechanics. The history of our race furnishes many examples of persons possessing this rare quality of mind, while the leading features of the moral character were far below the proper standard. Much of the genius and talent of our world has been prematurely buried in the swamps of sensuality and intemperance. Mere mental endowments and acquisitions are not a safe breakwater against the inflowing tides of vice. Neither is a good character reputation: the esteem and respect of our fellow men, though this is generally associated with it. We may lose the reputation without being deprived of the desirable character. Colton, with great propriety, says, "The two most precious things this side the grave are our reputation and our life. But it is to be lamented that the most contemptible whisper may deprive us of the one, and the weakest weapon of the other."

As long as hypocrisy is a possibility among men, reputation may be based upon a false assumption. We may think too highly of others as well as of ourselves. Of late years, our Province, as well as other places, has furnished too many sad illustrations of this possibility. Men high in social position, mentally well developed, encircled with worldly honours, enjoying the confidence of the public, professed Christians, were yet for years deliberately scholar or the polished man of the embezzling the funds of others, entrust-

If then a good character be neither talent, genius, nor reputation, nor the combination of all three, what is it We answer with all brevity, the moral inclination or purpose of the soul, the spiritual nature. According to this definition, the elements of a good character are found chiefly in man's moral nature. But this is closely interwoven with the intellect; we cannot speak of one without implying the existence and influence of the other. Character, then, is not a natural endowment, nor a providential gift, but an acquired possession. We form it for ourselves. And we do it more by thought, than by either words or deeds. Through these, others learn our character. As a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he." Right thoughts precede right actions. It is "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Character is a con-

scious possession, we know what we are. opportunities to form good character are placed within the reach of every one. So

£15,000 and has two palaces. - London matter. Salvator says. "Actions, looks. words, steps form the alphabet by which ter was clean, the icicle remained clear, the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled. little thought or feeling at a time adds crowded with happy congregations. nally coming into possession of "an in- swered than the prayer of words;

its influence. If each thought be pure and right, the soul will be lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if im-

and wretchedness."

Character is a possession worth acquiring. "That character is power, is true in a much higher sense, than that know ledge is power." Duke Chartres used to boast that no one could have less real regard for character than himself; yet, he would gladly give twenty thousand pounds for a good one, because he could immediately make double that sum by means of it. Franklin writes well this subject: "The most trifling actions that affect a man's credit are to be regarded. The sound of your hammer at five in the morning or nine at night, heard by a creditor, makes him easy six months longer; but if he sees you at a sends for his money the next day.

A good character may be obtained, lost and regained while we live on earth, but not in the next state of being. This solemn thought should always influence our minds. In eternity this mental and moral possession will continue unchanged. "He that is unjust still; and he that is holy let him be holy still."

Burlington, N. S.

A SECRET OF SUCCESS.

At the last meeting of the Metropoli-

an Methodist Lay Mission, London, the Lord Mayor in the chair, The Rev. H. Maghes, M. A., asked why it was the built a fine chapel, and obtained a popular preacher, and got the place filled, their duty was done. If it did not fill they complained of the people or the preacher, or wrote to the papers complaining, attributing its non-success to the use of the Liturgy, or to having too many mutual improvement societies : but at his chapel at Barry-road they had both, and during the last month it pleased the Almighty to grant them a most blessed revival of religion. It had been his privilege to hold an eight days' mission; over four hundred persons entered the enquiry-room, of whom more than 100 had been admitted to Society classes. Why had God given them this great result at Barry-road, where ten years ago there was no Methodism of any kind? He believed it was the result of systematic house-to-house visitation of By divine arrangement, ability and all the people who lived in the neighbourhood. Five thousand houses were thus visited with the result he had stated. that those who have it not, cannot just | But in the British Army the captains ly blame God or his providence. Al- led the men; and so it must be in Methough many influences, human and thodism if they were to succeed. He Divine, conspire to build up a man's ventured to say that if the Lord Mayor character, the superstructure rises not would visit every house on one side of without his own individual attention. Brixton-hill and the honourable member direction and co-operation. It is a most for Leicester the other—(laughter and affecting thought that we are now daily applause) and the work was followed building up a character that may vet be by other influential men, similar success over the present must agree in the stamped with immortality. While it is would be achieved in the Brixton-hill judgment. There are those blest true, that as regards worldly goods, we Circuit. As the result of the mission with an abundance of this world's ing must have a rich blessing. I am brought nothing into this world, and services that had been held in the three goods, who are making to themselves sure no hypocrite could attend a second shall carry nothing out, it is equally chapels in the Mostyn-road Circuit there "friends of the mammon of unright- time, so close is the scrutiny. It would true that we brought moral and mental would be the addition of at least 300 eousness" and are taking heed to the be uncongenial to any except the sincere capacity into this world, and shall take members to the Methodist Society. divine charge to "lay up for them- and earnest seeker after Jesus." She The formation of character is a serious to light the fact that there were many however, possessed of wealth, are se-husband," she continues, "takes one Within a hundred miles of New York you may spell character. "The way to ers, but who in London had lost their ness, are absorbed in the pursuit of the is the sweetest hour he spends. Every stands an old church. It has but one gain a good reputation," Socrates peace with God. Why should success former, to the utter neglect of the latsays, "is to endeavor to be what you only be achieved by the Ritualists and ter. They have no appreciation of the desire to appear." Another writer the Salvation Army? Methodists were "true riches" either here or hereafter. beautifully remarks on the formation of too fond of depressing one another and All their possessions are on earth and. character, "Have you ever watched the looking at the dark side. He was thank- when they leave the world, they will

THE AGE OF LIGHTNESS.

Inspiration has put on record that in the last days men, though "having a pure and wrong, there will be deformity form of godliness," will be "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. The present is peculiarly an age of light ness and trifling among professors of godliness. Some readers may remember the missionary meeting in Brooklyn. N. Y., wherein two noted ministers vied for the mastery in clownishness; and one enthusiastic partaker in the churchly nonsense styled it a "pentecost feast of jollity." This expression is evidence of the irreverence which prevails, if it is not begotten, even in such assemblies.

Forty years ago platform jokes and public witticisms were confined to political or convivial assemblies. Now a speaker, to please, even though he occupies a pulpit, must tickle the ears of billiard table or hears your voice at a the giddy and the gay, or be counted a tavern, when you should be at work, he failure. The curse of intemperance is a subject of sufficient solemnity to cause groanings rather than mirth, but a temperance lecturer is expected to keep the house convulsed with laughter.

We attended a "temperance" meeting not long since, wherein a man told a very silly story, not at all related to the subject of temperance, and let him be unjust still; and he which is he was not only uproariously applauded, fifthy let him be filthy still; and he but his "speech" was commented upon that is righteous let him be righteous as the "hit" of the evening. From such meetings the people retire in a state of mental and moral dissipation. If good impressions are made at all they are lost beneath an overflowing tide Romish Confessional was abelished from

ton. The subject for discussion was attempt which is being made to reinsti-"Sanctification." A score or more of tute it. But the original institution. Methodists of London had never really Methodist ministers met to consider out of which the confessional had sprung. supported the Metropolitan Methodist this subject, might be expected to pre- was not restored. "I believe in the Lay Mission? "He believed it was be- sent a scene of more than ordinary communion of saints," said the worshipcause the lay Methodists of London had gravity. But even there it took but a pers, as they met together from time to never really believed in the need of small matter to elate them even to loud time; but, so far as this life is concernlaughter and clapping of hands. Many they seemed to consider that if they doctors of divinity, and mostly Presbyterians also, we saw in the annual convention of the National Association to It was reserved for a later Reformation, procure the "religious amendment" of the constitution; and even here mirth seemed all-prevailing. Only two prominent men of the large number there present refrained from joining in the noise of cheering and stamping.

The Presbyterian Northern Assembly has passed through its session in Madison, Wisconsin. The first business set the D. D.'s in a glee; and a correspondent to the Christian at Work, reports: "I never saw an assembly of any deliberative kind start off with so much good humor and merriment."

And so they go. The whole world. religious and secular, is given to trifling, and is growing wild with sensational excitements. A Baptist paper, sometime since enquired, "Where are we commence a class-meeting like the classdrifting?" That well expresses the meeting of the Methodists. She situation-"Drifting." Where will these things end? "From such turn away."

BANKRUPT IN ETERNITY.

Recently at a prayer-meeting, a brother was heard to say, "I had rather be "I must acknowledge that all my prea pauper on earth than a bankrupt in judices vanished. The deep humility eternity:" and all who are capable of estimating the importance of the future House-to-house visitation had brought selves treasures in heaven. Too many, established class-meetings herself. "My ex-Methodists in London who were duced by a love of "Lucre," and, es- for me fortnightly. He comes from the formerly class-leaders and local preach- teeming worldly riches above righteousthe expenses are paid. Perhaps not one icicle as it formed ! Have you noticed ful for the new departure; it was time take nothing with them, and will have tion when heard from the pulpit go home how it froze, one drop at a time, until to have done with grumbling and criti- nothing laid up for themselves in eterit was a foot long or more ! If the wa- cising. They must put on a cheerful nity, but will enter it utterly bankrupt. these meetings." The worst foes of the courage, and organise these missions and In contrast with such folly, how wise class-meeting are dullness and formality and sparkled brightly in the sun; but if employ numbers of such men as Mr. and commendable is the choice of those keep these out, and we shall keep hif-Cropper as agents, then the day of their whose supreme aim is to secure "dur- and blessing in. mourning would be ended and the Me- able riches," and who, though poor here, Just so our characters are formed. One thodist chapels of London would be are able to rejoice in the prespect of fi

heritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

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Well and truly has it been said that it is "convenient to be rich," and that "it is very inconvenient to be poor." But the advantages of wealth and the inconveniences of poverty are only tenporary, and whether a man be in one or the other condition, is of little conse quence compared with the assurance of his eternal salvation. But if riches involve eternal bankruptcy, their nonpossession is a blessing and not a curse. Of how many rich men may be said that dying they left not only property, but everything. They entered eternity bank rupt. But of how many may it be said. that dying penniless, they entered eternity rich-rich in spiritual life, rich in lofty character and rich in heirship with

THE CLASS-MEETING.

Some time ago a minister of the Established Church, whilst catechising a village school in the Isle of Man, asked the question, "What is meant by 'the communion of saints?" There was a pause. Looking round, the minister repeated the question. "Can none of you tell me what the communion of saints is?" A little girl then put out her hand. "Well, what is it?" "Please, sir," said she, "it is the classmeeting." The minister passed on to

At the time of the Reformation the the English Church. It was a grand Once we attended a Monday morning work done. One of the anddest things meeting of Methodist ministers in Bos- in the Established Church to day is the ed, they had no opportunities afforded them for enjoying that communion - the "fellowship" of the early Christians. or revival, to restore that ancient means of grace. The story of how this was brought about is told very plainly in the "Rules of the Society of the People called Methodists." The class-meeting is the distinguishing feature of Methodism. A Methodist, in the highest sense, is one who meets in class. He receives the quarterly token of member ship, and is eligible, if suitable in other respects, for appointment to the various offices of the Church.

> Mrs. Wightman, the wife of a clergyman of the Established Church, in a small book called "The Annals of the Rescued." tells us that she was asked by some of the people whom she had been the means of leading to Jesus to confesses that she was prejudiced against the class-meeting; but like an honest woman she resolved to go and see and hear for herself. Accordingly she accompanied a Methodist one evening, sat and listened. She says. of all present and the wise and ant quotations from Scripture suited to each individual case struck me as being most remarkable. In wise hands such a meetclass with a radiant face, and tells me # one speaks freely of his trials, struggles. &c. . : asks counsel on special occasions. and receives encouragement from the treasury of God's Word. The same truths which appear of general applies straight to the heart when spoken at

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OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"AE A LITTLE CHILD." " As a little child, as a little child!

Scarred, and hardened, and soul-defiled With traces of sorrow and sin. Can I turn backward the shroud of years And wake my dead youth at my will 'Nay, but thou canst, with thy grief and thy

fears, Creep into My arms and be still." "I know, Lord, the lambs in thy heavenly fold Are sheltered and hid in Thy heart; But I—I am old, and the gray from the gold
Has bidden all brightness depart.
The gladness of youth, the faith and the truth

"Thou'rt emptied at length of thy treacherous strength, Creep into my arms now—and trust."

Lie withered and shrouded in dust.'

" Is it true? Can I share with the little ones A child's happy rest on Thy breast?' 'Ave, the tenderest care is heeding thy prayer,

My love is for thee as the rest It will quiet thy fears, will wipe away tears. Will soften thy murmurs to psalms; Thy sorrows shall seem but a feverish dream , a the rest-in the rest in My arms. "Thus tenderly held, the heart that rebelled

Shall cling to My hand, though it smite-Shall find in my rod the love of its God. My statutes its song in the night. And whiter than snow shall the stained life

'Neath the touch of a love undefiled. And throngs of forgiven, to the kingdom of Shall welcome one more little child."

THE BEST OF YOURSELF.

The preacher's voice rang out clear and intense. The congregation almost held its breath as it listened to that passionate earnest-Dess.

A woman sat listening-a weary woman, to whom life was a burden. As these words "Make the best of yourself" flashed forth she felt as if they were hurled at her. She make the best use of herself whose whole life had been a failure! How could she? The rest of the sermon was unheard. It was as if a diamond had been thrown into her lap. That was all she needed. I said the sermon was unheard, yet there did enter into her consciousness another flashing sentence, "Every man has a right to make the best of himself."

If you had been looking at the woman you would have seen a new and strange expression come into her face, just such a change as might come into the face of a dying man if suddenly he should find the fabulous elixir of life.

That meant women as well as

She leaned her head forward on the back of the pew before her and sat very still, but from her heart went up a cry, "Lord, help me to make the best of myself. Lord, I will make the best of myself, with

thy help." At last came the benediction and she rose up. Then as the congregation poured out she followed with the crowd. Near the door stood an old decrepit woman in worn and shabby garments. Her hands were wrinkled and large jointed. She was a shy, half-frightened woman. who had strayed into this large church and now stood back, half awed by its grandeur and the im-

mense mass of people. Gail Bruce liked dainty people and dainty things of all kinds, and she shrank with a kind of horror from anything that was uncomely. But as her eye fell upon the life, is regarded as dull and unadold woman she suddenly sent up a prayer, "Lord help me to make the most of myself in all the humanities, in love and in tenderness. And Lord, bless that old woman."

When Gail reached her she stretched out her own well-gloved hand and touched the old woman's well occasionally to stand still? arm with a tenderness that thrilled her frame; then slipping her hand in hers said:

"We are glad to see you here, and hope you will come again." The old lady looked up with a pleased smile, and said it was a "fine church and she liked the min-

ister.' When Gail passed out there was on her face a reflex gladness. Secing it several people unconsciously held out their hands to her, who, as

a rule, only bowed. She went home and kneeling said, " Help me to help others. Help me to do some kind deed every day. Help me to grow like Christ, so that I may be my best. Amen."

That was the beginning of a great change in Gail Bruce. Every morning she took np the day with the prayer, "Lord, help me this day to make some one happier. Help me this day to make the best of myself." Many a gentle answer she returned when her nervous temperament would have prompted a quick word.

One little thing she tried to do especially—that was to carry a bright and cheery face; to give a pleasant and grope through the darkness; word whenever she could. This was hard for her to do at first, for she possessed by inheritance an inelination to morbidness and melan- minded fellow-in fact a bigot, choly. But she shook it off as best she could and gave her "Good morning" or "Good evening" in as bright a way as possible.

At church, instead of waiting to be spoken to she took the initiative ful dog in the yard—one of that his power. Then he should be per-

that little child, or perhaps of making a triendly call on a sick girl. She grew into the way of touching life grew sweet scented as a rose,

So, making the best of her moral and affectional nature, she grew year after year into a sweet, perfect, and rounded womanhood.

But these were not all the ways in which she made the best of her-

herself in a novel—to live in anoth- the door of the house where the er world for the time-until the fit charming maidens were. The effect of sadness was gone. Now, instead of this little incident was more of that, she took up the best works wholesome upon John's mind than in literature and gradually found upon his trousers. When they met herself acquiring a finer taste than next day. Tom reminded John of before, and an ability to talk on his exhortation to secure a little many subjects. This gift she used more certainty before advancing, with great tact, in helping others, and said, "Remember Crocket's Her music she had taken up with saying, John, 'Be sure you're right. new zeal. And so, when one Sun- then go ahead," "Yes, if you've day in Sabbath-school the pianist got a head," added John, sullenly .was absent she filled the vacancy. All which is a parable. and thereafter the pianist, who was delicate, felt that she could rely on let us advance along ground which Miss Bruce to fill her place when has been ascertained to be solid, and

Gradually life grew very good to this woman, to whom once it had been a weariness. Looking back, the past heartlessness appeared as a dream. Life was so full, so filled through so many ages, something up with gentle deeds, and words must be settled, if reason be worth and charities that she had no time anything to man. There may be to think of and pity herself.

At last—no, not at last—there eame to her the best of God's good gifts, a good man and true, who looking down upon her said: "Will you be my wife?"

She became his wife, knowing that as wife—perhaps as mother she could grow and develop into her best, noblest womanhood. - Illustrat- Bible is the word of God, the rule ed Christian Weekly.

AD VANCING.

We need more positiveness. We need the habit of standing by the one of these matters than they things that are settled. To that should discuss the chastity of their end each man needs to have some mothers. The man who in the prethings settled for himself. Then, sence of members of such house when they are settled, he must cling to them, and not to things which are still in question or in doubt.

The trend of modern thought and discussion demands attention to this matter. The fashion of thought lately seems to be to regard that man the most "advanced" thinker who has thought out the very least. Men's abilities have been measured, not by what they know but by what they do not know; not by what they believe, but by what they doubt. A speaker who harangues of the difficulties which exist in matter and in mind will attract attention who instructs us in what is not difficult to comprehend, but which is of inestimable value in practical

vanced. This cant of "advanced" thinkers is leading multitudes into bogs, into impenetrable forest, into pitfalls. Men must "advance!" that is the cry. But why? What is the use of always advancing? May it not be Certainly, unless you know what ground you are going to tread, you would better not move forward. Occasionally, advancing men have fallen into wells and other disagreeables. John and Tom one night came to a gate. There was a very large yard of three acres, inclosed by the fence of which this gate formed a part. John and Tom were in love with two charming girls who resided in the mansion standing in the centre of that enclosure, and naturally they wanted to enter. But they had never been there at night, and neither of them knew candle shone from a window. They could find no bell. They called in vain, hoping that some servant might be passing about and give them safe entrance. They could not see the gate, even while holding on to it. John belonged to the class of advanced thinkers and actors. He proposed to push on fused to advance. John scorned him as a slow coach, a narrowing, and was ready to show his

Then, greatly to her surprise, friends | He was asleep as John advanced: | began to gather around her. She but when in advancing John acci. found herself called upon for little dentally kicked the kennel of the seem always to do and others never. all that wrath which men and these She got in the way of giving a flow- animals exhibit when they are sud. er to this old lady, or a picture to denly startled from a delightful he was fain to hasten to depart with and valuable accomplishment. It had been her habit, when feel- his torn garments; while Tom, by ing sad and melancholy, to forget aid of the light, made his way to

> By all means let us advance; but let us advance by methods which shall secure safety and progress.

Let some things be regarded as settled. Surely if the human race has been exercising its reason subjects which men will question in some places which no man of honor will question in another. In all Christian and Jewish households, pulpits and publications, surely these things ought to be considered settled forever, not ever to be reopened or discussed, namely: that there is a God and Saviour; and the of faith and practice, and that man's moral nature is developed and purified by obedience to the word of God. The children in such households should no more discuss any holds treats any one of these subjects as not settled—if he is not a fool destitute of all knowledge of what constitutes honor—is a base seducer. Within those bounds he who advances makes progress on secure grounds; but he who advances beyond those bounds falls over a precipice. - Dr. Deems.

HOMELY ACCOMPLISH-MENTS.

There are a few of the accomplishments prized by our grandmothers which even in these days of machinery, of co-operation, and luxurious and elicit applause, while a teacher living, we cannot afford to have classed with the lost arts. Among God among his fellows.—Sunday at these is the art of plain sewing. In the olden times the sampler and patch-work made girlish fingers early acquainted with the use of the needle, and though no one can care to see those particular industries revived, yet there are few women who do not find sooner or later that in their lives "the needle bears equality with the beautiful craft of the pencil and the mighty power of the pen." Whether it is cheaper or not to buy ready made under clothing is not the question. The point insisted on is that every woman should know how to make her own clothing neatly, skillfully and readily. She may add to this knowledge that of embroidery and lace making just as she may add to a practical knowledge of bread making that of making cake and desserts. There is a great effort made nowadays to acquire accomplishments comparatively useless, and the neglect of those which are of the first consequence. The little girl may begin what obstructions, what perils, what her apprenticeship to the needle by traps might be in the way. It was making doll clothes, and as patterns dark as dark could be. The trees for all manner of lilliputian garwere so thick that the house could ments are for sale in pattern stores, not be seen. Not a glimmer of a she can learn to cut out and put together at the same time. Of course she must have instruction, direction, assistance; to give these is one of the purposes her mother was specially created for. By-and-by the juvenile seamstress may be promoted, and permitted to exercise her skill on larger garments, and later be taught machine sewing. But before this she should master but Tom was conservative, and re- all the mysteries of "over and over" stitch, of hemming, felling, over-casting, catstitch, backstitch, gathering and facing down. Little For himself, he believed in advanc- folks always want to do what they can't do, and a promise of permisfaith by works. And, he advanced. sion to undertake a difficult task And he kept on advancing. But at will often stimulate a child to do the same time there was a power- well that which is entirely within and spoke to others, and if possible terrible and intolerable kind of dogs mitted to enter upon larger underthat bite first and bark afterward, takings.

Mending is another accomplishment possessed by very few young ladies. This branch of domestic inhelpful deeds that some women slumbering Cerberus, he awoke with dustry is usually relegated to the mother or grandmother, and the young ladies play the piano or embroider, when they would be more sleep without any immediately ap- usefully employed in mending. This parently justifying reasons. The imposes a great deal of drudgery dog uttered no sound but John did. on the one who has all the mending gently or caressing all things. Her He forgot Tom, and he forgot the to do, and releases from what should charming maiden in the mansion, be a pleasant task those most able and as people love roses they loved and he forgot proprieties, and he to perform it. No matter how forgot everything else in the world | wealthy a young lady is, she should except the one thrilling fact that he know when her wardrobe is in perloons. The uproar brought relief with her own hands. There is a before he was torn to pieces, and it very complete Manual of Mending brought lights, and it brought him recently published, which gives full to such a sense of his condition that instruction in this most necessary

IN THE MORNING.

At four o'clock on a winter morning, eighteen years ago, a man might have been seen taking his stand outside the principal postbuting papers to the letter-carriers as they hurried in and out of the building. Some took them with curiosity, some rejected them, one ex-Colney Hatch," and one or two accosted the stranger.

here at this hour?" asked one.

cause I read in the Bible, "In the they live, and we see them no more. ing. I don't know how it happenmorning sow thy seed: and I want, The little girl with the ringlets is a ed, but it only takes a little spark if I may, to do you good." /

the London City Mission to work among our postmen. A few days later, Mr. P---, the missionary above mentioned, was

stopped in the street by a lettercarrier, with the question: "Was it you, sir, who was giving tracts outside the Bethnal Green post-office the other morning at four

"Yes. "Well, sir, God Himself sent you to me.'

o'clock?

"Indeed! I knew he sent me to some one, but I didn't know it was to vou.

"Will you come in and see my wife, sir? Our place is close by. the man to his home; and there he a change growing more and more learned both from him and his wife fair to look on, a rebuke to our sorwhat a blessing had come to them through the tract handed to the former at the post-office door. They had both once been teachers in a Sunday school, and earnestly religious; but the husband had been when the children were about him. tempted into drinking and other Well, but look forward; antedate evil ways, and both had been sinking into utter ruin, when the tract so unexpectedly received had come home to the poor letter-carrier's

And from that day all has been changed with them. For many years the man lived a consistent Christian life, and long filled a re- able to their tenderness, preparation sponsible position in a central postoffice, where he did good work for

JAMES HARPER. Jas. Harper, Esq., the oldest member of the celebrated firm of Harper Bros., died a few years ago from injuries received by the breaking of the pole of his carriage; causing the horses to become unmanageable. Of this energetic, good man Thurlow Weed has said, "If the question was proposed to an average company how the oldest of the brothers came to found such an illustrious house, I would perhaps be told that he was a wonderfully lucky man." He was lucky, and the gentleman above referred to, an old friend and fellow workman, let out the secret of his luck. He and the elder Harper learned their trades together in John street, New York. They began life with no fortune but willing hands and active brains-fortune, I think, enough for any young man in this free country. "Sometimes after we had done a good day's work, James Harper would say, Thurlow, let's break the back of another token, just break its back! I would reluctantly consent just to break the back of the token, but James would beguile me, or laugh at my complaints, and never let me off until the token was completed fair and square! It was our custom in summer to do a fair half day's work before the other boys and men got their breakfast. We would meet by appointment in the gray of the morning, and go down to John street. We got the key of the office by tapping on the window, and Mr. Sey | told. mour would take it from under his pillow, and hand it to one of us through an opening in the blind. It the reply. put money in our pockets and kept us out of mischief." That key handed through that window tells lor, in a certain suburb. the secret of the luck that enabled these two men to rise to eminence, after Annie Wilder came to Mrs. you find something more to while so many boys that lay soundly Fielding and asked for work. She Don't let us think we are good sleeping in those busy morning was set to washing dishes and cause we "ain't doing nothing

that he became mayor of the city, ficient little handmaiden she proved. and head of one of the largest pub- She was gay as a bird, warbling his great printing house was burned down, the giant perseverance learned in those hours of overwork enabled him to raise from the ashes a larger and finer one, as if by magic. It is a great responsibility to be a Almost the last words this good cit- church member, and religion is a izen u' tered were appropriate to the end of such a life, and ought to be engraven upon the mind of every at the lady with her sweet truthful boy who expects to make anything eyes, and said: of himself: "It is not best to be had sensitive flesh under his panta- fect order and be able to keep it so studying how little we can work, ma'am. but how much."—N. W. Advocate.

HOW OUR CHILDREN LEAVE US.

Watch, and within the brief circuit of a year, sometimes even in the course of a few months, you will see a change in the little faces. Take photographs of them, and if you happen to lay them by for a the child, her eyes opening wide, few years, and then open the book, office in Bethnal Green, and distri- you will have a surprise. You will have something like the following: "Why, I have lost these children. Surely they have gone from me? Has God taken them?" No. They claimed to his companions, "The are "about" you still. They are cross; papa was critical. One fellow must have escaped from baside you now, fooking at the pic- morning Mrs. Fielding felt particutures, much amused that they should larly out of condition. The sun, be pictures of themselves. They but a little way on his journey, "What in the world brings you can see no resemblance to the image shone with noonday intensity; not they see every day in the glass. So "I came," replied the man, "be- they vanish from us, even when tasteless; the flies were aggravate wayfarer, who is tarrying with you to make an explosion when the It was the first humble effort of only for a night. She will go on train is laid. Some unguarded the first missionary employed by again in the morning toward womanhood. Very soon, now, you a child was slapped and sent away will see touches of manhood and from the table; the husband rewomanhood on their faces.

Nor can we forget that there are always some who far outstrip the rest-who do not glide away on feet along the earthly ways, but who have wings woven in silence on which they fly up to the fields of heaven. We have spoken of the facial change as children grow up to be men and women; but there is another change which sometimes comes on a young face, which betokens a growth quite out of this world, and putting on of beauty and glory of another. A change this, sad at first to see, sorrowful exceed-So the missionary accompanied ingly to our earthly affections, yet row, a life-long memory to our love.

And so we lose them. And many a Job stands amid the relics of the past, looking back, and plaintively or thankfully recalling the days the time; anticipate the inevitable severance, and work for the formation of the deeper, the immortal union. If you have wealth—heart heart as a direct message from God. property—in these children, know it now, for the riches will "make themselves wings and fly away." If you have nurture to give them suitfor their strength, give it now; in a little while they will be too hard and strong in Nature's growth to take it. If there are lessons which the Master would have you learn of them when you are older, then learn the lessons now, for soon the little faces will be seen no more at the table, the patter of the little feet heard no more in your rooms .-Alexander Raleigh.

OUR YOUNG POLKS.

ALL FOR JESUS. I've two little hands to work for Jesus, One little tongue his praise to tell, Two little ears to hear his counsel,

One little voice a song to swell.

CHO.—Lord, we come, Lord, we come,
In our childhood's early morning! Lord, we come, Lord, we come, Come to learn of thee

I've two little feet to tread the pathway Up to the heavenly courts above, Two little eyes to read the Bible, Telling of Jesus' wondrous love

I've one little heart to give to Jesus, One little soul for him to save, One little life for the dear Saviour, One little self that he must have.

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES.

"Little Annie Wilder has joined the church," said Mrs. Fielding to her friend, Mrs. Brewster. "Joined the church! Well, I

must say I don't believe in filling the church with children, and such material too. I don't believe Annie Wilder knows how to read." "And her mother is such a low-

"Yes, and that isn't the worst of We must do something. We must do something. We must do something. it; she takes a drop too much I am

"Say a great many drops, and you will get nearer the truth," was they do nothing wicked they are a

This bit of dialogue took place in Mrs. Fielding's pretty summer par- well." And we should do all

It happened that not long there-

hours are unknown. No wonder cleaning vegetables, and a most eflishing houses in the world. When | snatches of hymn and song, as she hurried from one task to another.

One day Mrs. Fielding said. "Annie, I wonder you are not more serious since you joined the church. serious thing.

Annie paused in her work, looked

"I don't know what you mean,

"I feared as much," said Mrs. P. lugubriously. "Child, do you know what it means to join the church?" "It means being on Jesus' side."

said Annie, her face radiant, "and oh, I love Him so that I can't heln singing "But," said Mrs. Fielding, "don't you have any fears, any struggles?" "Why should I, ma'am?" asked

The lady said no more, but she shook her head ominously as she walked away.

"The hot weather came on; family trials were onerous; nobody had an appetite; the children were a leaf stirred; the breakfast was word was spoken; a temper blazed; monstrated; sharp words followed: there was recrimination, tears, downright quarrel.

"Oh, the trouble of living!" groaned Mrs. Fielding, when hasband and children were out of the house and she was left alone. "I cannot bear it, I cannot bear it," and she gave herself up to hysterical sobbing.

By and by, when the storm was a little cleared away, came Annie, her face serene, her eyes soft and untroubled.

"Please excuse me, ma'am, for being so late," she said, "but mother was bad this morning and wouldn't let me come."

"What is the matter with her?" The child blushed. "She has been drinking, I sup

pose," said Mrs. Fielding. Annie raised her arm at that minute, and there on the soft, fair flesh was the livid mark of a blow. "What is that?"

"Please don't ask me, ma'am, # s nothing.'

"Your mother has been heating you—and what a face! You look as if you hadn't a trouble in the world. How can you bear such things?"

"I keep saying 'em over, ma'am." "Saying what over?" "The charity verses. I said 'em

so fast, I didn't hear mother very "What do you mean?"

" Love suffereth long and is kind'-isn't it beautiful, ma'am?" and the child's face glowed. "And then when I started to come here," she continued, "I couldn't help feeling bad and lonesome, and I thought of another verse: Lo, Im with you alway, even unto the end of the world.' Always, ma'am, think of that! It means Jesus, ma'am, and oh, I love Him Mrs. Fielding went to her room, dumb before the wisdom of an !! norant child. Presently Annie voice came floating out on the still ing air. She was singing, "His loving kindness, oh, how great!"-Christian Union

"I AIN'T DOING NOTHING!

There was a boy in school one who was very lazy. He would si on his seat all day and do nothing He never made any noise or disturb ed any one. He never whispered or got into any mischief. The master never caught him at any tricks.

One day, as he sat still and quiet, the master came along by him and struck him a smart blow with ferule. The boy jumped at the up expected blow, and cried out: "I ain't doing nothing!"

"That's just it," said the master "I want you to do something." So with some people. They think, lived termagant," added the first like this boy, that innocence con pray to Jesus, and speak for Jesus and all we can do to show our lot for Jesus. Some people think right. Not so. We must not only "cease to do evil," but learn to

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. from the foundation of the world. Oh! what a terrible thing it is to be selfdeceived. Except our righteousness APRIL 17, 1881. exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, it is very evident we THE PHARISEES REPROVED .- Luke can never enter into the kingdom of xi., 37-54. beaven .- Abridged from Wesleyan Methe dist S. S. Magazine.

I .- For Hypocrisy.

Taking His illustration from the

washing of the cups and dishes used at

the meal, Jesus tells them they were

very particular about the outside ap-

pearance, but did not trouble them-

selves to purify the inside. They were

very punctitious about the purification

of the body from mere imaginary de-

filement, while in their inward charac-

ter evil festered and raged unchecked.

He returns to the subject in verse 44,

and resterates the charge, making use

of another and stronger illustration,

that of graves concealed from view.

The reference is "to the manner in

which the Pharisees succeeded in hid-

ing their real character; so that, as

men coming unawates upon an unap-

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the Neglect of the Moral Law.

They carried the requirement of giv-

ing tithes out so literally as to tithe

the small herbs which grew in their

gardens, while the law really applied

only to the principal fruits of the

earth. How they prided themselves

on this is seen from the prayer of the

Pharisee in the Temple (chap. xviii.

12) But they neglected moral duties - judgment and the love of G d."

ters in religion only served to turn his

thoughts from its great and vital prin-

ciples." Let us learn that no exact

and minute attention to ceremonial

observances and outward duties can

take the place of right principles and

right moral conduct. We must attend

to our religious duties, but not to the

neglect of moral obligations. Our

Saviour shows that the two should go

III -For Ambition After Fame and

Applause.

to perform their most sacred religious

God's favor rather than man's.

IV. -For Imposing Grievous Burdens.

This reproof was in reply to a law-

yer, i. e., a scribe-most of them were

Pharisees-whose remark was intend-

ed to ascertain whether Jesus included

them in His general condemnation of

the Pharisees. The reply was that He

did. They had added to the law by

their traditions and fanciful interpre-

tations, many burdens which God nev-

or intended, and some which they

were not prepared to bear themselves.

This is true of false religious teachers

in all ages. They are ever ingenious

in inventing burdens for others, and

In verse 52, he charges the lawvers

particularly with this. They had taken

away the key of knowledge-by their

assumption of being the only author-

ized expounders of the Scriptures they

had kept the people from examining

them themselves; and by their false

entering into the kingdom of heaven

VI .- For their Persecuting Spirit.

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lustrations of this.

together.

Let us learn how abhor-

A TEMPERANCE STORY.

Governor St. John relates in one of his speeches the following incident:

" A poor woman with a baby in her arms came to me with a petition for the pardon of her husband, who was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for homicide. After examining her papers, he said to the woman,-' I am bound by my official duty, and must not consult my personal feelings.' The poor woman, standing with the child in her arms, made the following plea: 'Hear me, and I will tell you the true story. We were married seven years ago. My husband was sober, industrious and thrifty. By great ex-ertion and self-denial we finally got our home paid for, and were happy and prosperous. In an evil hour the State 3 000,000. licensed a saloon between our happy home and his works top. He was solicited to enter this saloon and weakly yielded. Hour after hour he spent there playing cards. One day he bewhom we have to do, all hollowness, come embroiled in a drunken quarrel, and, fired by drink, struck a man and Let us be real, genuine, sincere, what- killed him. He was tried and sent to ever else we may be. They were accustomed to oppress and defraud the pow, nothing to live on; and by and by the sheriff turned us out of our comfortable home into a rough shanty, neither lathed n r plastered. The cold wind came in through the walls and ceiling. My oldest boy took sick and died. sessed, and then with such a character Then little Tommy, my next, fell sick they would not need to be so particular and died. Now this babe in my arms is sick, and I have nowhere to take it. The State licensed that saloon; the II .- For Magnifying the Ceremonial to , State murdered my children; and now, in God's name, I want you to set my

" I said I would and I did."

USEFUL HINTS.

" A little farm well tilled." It is make the most profit.

A spoonful of vinegar out into the

"Of these hallowed affections, which water in which meats or fowls are boilconstitute the very substance and real- ed makes them tender. ity of religion, the heart of a Pharisee Silk handkerchiefs should be washed was wholly destitute, and the very rigwith borax in tepid water, with little idness of his attention to trifling mator no soap, and ironed before becom-

> It rarely happens that cows purchased from rich lands thrive well on poor soils; but those from poor farms do well on farms in a high state of

Allow no green hands to prune trees unless you are with them, or have with them some reliable and experienced pruner. The injury from bad pruning

is not at an end for many years. To utilize the feathers of ducks, They aspired to sit in the highest chickens and turkeys, generally thrown places in the synagogues, and to be aside as refuse, trim the plume from the stump, inclose them in a light bag, the populace in places of public resort. ruo the whole as if washing clothes, In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus and you will secure a perfectly uniform shows that they carried the desire for and light down, excellent for quilting

human applause to such an extent as coverlets and other purposes. Icing may be colored yellow by putduties, publicly and ostentatiously ting the grated peel of a lemon or or-(Matt. vi). How opposite to his own lange in a thin muslin bag, straining a meek and lowly character. Such prac- little juice through it, and squeezing tices are recorded for our instruction it hard into the egg and sugar. Cranand warning. Let us seek in all things berry syrup and strawberry juice color

a pretty pink. A lady writes, " I was troubled with quinsy every spring for sixteen years, and was cured about seven years ago by using kerosene. I wet a flannel cloth in the oil and applied it to my throat as hot as it could be borne : this I did several times when I first

noticed my throat getting sore." A New York farmer says that potato tops make the best mulch for strawberries. They are free from weed seeds, heavy enough not to be blown off, and will not pack or smother the plants as straw or hay will sometimes do. In spring they are so well rotted as not

equally so in inventing excuses for exempting themselves. The annals of the priesthood of Rome are full of illustrations of this the size and shape of the star you wish to make; put it in the oven and wben V.-For Being Hindrances to Others. thoroughly hot, take it out and immediately press it into the hairs on the forehead, and let it remain till the hairs fall off, when white hairs will be likely to appear in the place of those

A strong cement for shell work is great Pain Reliever, and of double the recommended made of isinglass disinterpretations they were kept from solved and thickened to a paste with plaster of Paris. It must be thick themselves, and were the means of enough to support the shells, but if too keeping others out. This was especticle will be clumsy and not bear a ially true in relation to their rejection good gloss when dry. Enough paste of Christ, notwithstanding all the must be laid on to support the shells, proofs that had been furnished them | and it can be tinted a pa'e lavender by | bottle. of His Messiahship. And what an ex- adding a little blue; violet, by the adact parallel to it we have in the Church | dition of red and blue; salmon color, of Rome. In keeping the Scriptures by the addition of Venetian red. from the people and giving them only Sometimes a little colorless copal varnthe interpretations which the Church ish improves the appearance of shell

puts upon them, they too have taken work. They professed to build the sepul- in "white-coating;" one peck of chres of the prophets who had been bleached wood ashes, two pecks of cow the blood of all the prophets slain | washed I see a perfect improvement. | cents a bottle.

INFORMATION.

Some of the sheep raisers of Australia own over 500,000 head of sheep.

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REVIVAL SERVICES-THE SEQUEL.

In many Provincial circuits special religious services have been held with good apparent results. However such efforts may be regarded from different standpoints-and just now they are beang widely discussed-the "circuit-rider" ands in them almost the single opportusity for gathering in the spiritual harwests of the year." The pastor of a small charge, lying within narrow limets, may connect more frequent efforts. of a less special character, with his comanunion or other regular services, and thus attain the same end by more satisfactory means. Even he, however, may sometimes find himself led out, in prossect of an abundant harvest, into more prominent and long-continued action.

Few faithful pastors have reached the end of such services without a consciousness of increased responsibility. If all possible effort has been made-and 410 minister should enter upon such work until he may be at liberty to continue it to the end-then he may imitate the disciples who returned to their Master, to tell Him "all things, both what they had done and what they had aught." Yet even then, if he, through weariness or satisfaction, allow himself to settle down to the quietness of pastoral life, as measured by the low standard of to-day, grievous loss, not to be computed by the arithmetic of earth. may be the sad consequence. The need of rest may be imperative; change of scene may even be necessary for a brief space. We have known a minister who several times sought relief from mental tension in long-continued services at the bench of a neighboring carpenter. whence he soon went back, leaving unfinished work, to resume his pastoral dabor with new interest. Recreation is often a necessity, but under ordinary circumstances, and wisely chosen, will not long delay a return to pastoral du-Two classes demand special care at

the close of revival services. However large the number "received on trial," even admitting that on the roll of names are those of some who may have been swept along by the mere tide of emotion, a pastor should look beyond that group. Not unfrequently men who have thought deeply, and have waited for special services, have kept in the background un til interested friends have ceased to hope for immediate decision. This was nearly the case with one of the best Christian laymen whom we have known. An earnest minister, with skill for revival services, and penetration into difficult cases, watched and waited for him and finally went down to his pew and led him up to a company of kneeling seekers. Of the reality of the blessing there found the best subsequent proof lay in the fact that messengers from the sick and dying of other congregations often passed the homes of their own elders as they summoned him to the house of sorrow. Many years since a revival took place in a Provincial town. Several young men, some of whom were afterwards in the ministry, were led into the Church, but none seemed so deeply devoted as a youth who came quietly in when the usual order of services had been resumed. Our recollections of early Christian fellowship with him are yet sweet. Death early called him home. but he received the messenger with such calmness that the pastor who was near him remarked-" It was not death; it was a transition." Let no pastor too readily say of those who have seemed to pass unmoved through some season of grace: "They are joined to their idols, let them alone." The Omniscient may arrive at this conclusion; the mortal never should. Faith, patience and prayer may yet avail to lead them into the Church, aye, and to fill some honored position in the Master's service.

Watchful care, too, should be exercised over those who in the ante-room may be awaiting the full recognition of their Church-membership. Occasionally, strong, earnest characters, who have only awaited some special period to declare themselves on the Lord's side, enter the Church at revival seasons and thenceforth run their race as giants, looking only unto Jesus. But such are exceptions. The great majority of their fellows need careful nursing. Frequent services cease; the quiet of ordinary Church life seems a painful reaction and leaves room for doubt : temptations come which the untrained convert may repel and yet confound with personal sin, and it is necessary that some one skilled in spiritual care should be near to counsel and guide and cheer. An oft-repeated objection to reyivals, arising from extensive reaction the Classics, the Mathematics, Mental

add, his early removal. The true shepdead. How many happy greetings in eternity will spring from the recollections of wise, gentle, earnest counsels given during the infancy of the Christian life.

The standard of the Christian life to be reached by the converts of the early months of the present year, whether that stardard be low and unsatisfactory, or high in holy aims and pure, lofty experiences, will, to no small extent, be determined by the counsels and examples of the pastors who have led them into the Church. Let then the pathway of holiness be carefully pointed out.

A PLEA FOR EXISTENCE.

If long experience had not accustomed us to it, we might well be amazed at the cool presumption of a certain class writers on the College question. Virtually they assume that they have the right to speak for nine tenths of the people of the Province: and the conclusions which they have reached are so oracularly delivered that it would seem preposterous for any one else to hold a different opinion, much more to express Nova Scotia ought to have but one University. That should be liberally supported by the state. It should be situated in the capital and be Dalhousie College. It should be called non-sectarian, and all not connected with the Presbyterian Church should be bound so to regard it, and if they cannot but think otherwise, they should at least axioms. Denominational Colleges must needs be sectarian, and only live to instil religious dogma into the minds of their students. Their governing boards, their professors, and their courses of study are "narrow," "necessarily one sided," and "behind the age." Of course they should have no support from the revenue of the country, and should consider themselves happy in being allowed to exist. These are at least the very next remove from self-evident ruths. Why be compelled, by the obtuseness of their inferiors, to write, not line upon line simply but, column upon column, column upon column, of the same thing over and over again, where not—that they wish these Colleges well,

Well, we suppose the difficulty is just here, that other people have given these matters a good deal of attention, have reached different conclusions, and, inasmuch as this is a free country, they have dared to question the right of these censors to dictate to them what they shall believe or how they shall act.

A few thoughts may be suggested on the other side, and we know they are such as many among us practically re-

cognize as of considerable importance. It is undesirable that the higher education of the Province should be entrusted to one staff of professors, or confined to one locality. There may be a healthy spirit of competition in Colleges as well as in commercial establishments. Education is money's worth, and where there is the best value there will be the most demand. It is not the first time that richly endowed professorships, in Universities whose exclusive rights were jealously guarded by the State, have proved sincures to their occupants, but obstacles to the promotion of sound learn-By all means let us have competi-And this will give some fine young men a chance who, if they had to go a few hundreds of miles away from their home, would be absolutely debarred from the opportunity of ever seeing the inside of a College.

It is, for our young country, as we believe, equally undesirable to foster the study of some specialty, in its higher forms, in opposition to a carefully prepared and thoroughly taught course of Collegiate study. Our young men are as bright and as vigorous in their intellectual powers as the same class in any other country. But even of these we could not hope to fill one College with embryo, Brewsters, Faradays or Huxleys. And the few whom we might have of first rate abilities and of high ambition would not be likely to stay here for their final training when Harvard, Yale, and Middletown are so near at hand. What our young men need to make life for them a success. and to raise the standard of our Provincial ability and enterprise is just what our various Colleges are fitted to impart to them-a thorough drilling in

and calling forth a charge of enthusiasm and Moral Science, the Modern Lanarises not seldom from a pastor's ab- guages, and Natural Science. On the sence or unwatchfulness, or, we may one hand good scholarship can thus be secured with the broadening influence herd will rejoice over a revival—but of modern culture; or a very fair scienwith trembling. Let him simply do his tific training can be secured, yet roundduty as one that must give account to ed and burnished by linguistic study. Him that shall judge the quick and the It is a sham to call this narrow, or narrowing, and to hold forth in its place the acquisition of a "specialty," whose professor is so high that he connot be hampered with Board management and whose students must not be rated so low as to be amenable to examination.

If for nothing else, we believe the

Denominational Colleges to be best adapted to our youth because they act a mediating part between the public and the professors. To the former they guarantee that the men employed to train their sons are in every way competent for this task. If for any reason unsuitableness should be discovered, either in scholarship or morals, they can easily make a change, and on grounds of self interest are certain to do so. On the other hand, the professors know that if they have not large endowments to fall back upon, they have what is of vastly more value, not a conscienceless corporation, such as a political party might be, or might give, but a committee of Christian gentlemen, full of sympathy for them, and for the work they have in hand. Who can estimate such a privilege? It is, for the purposes of life and of growth, priceless. It simply means to the diligent painstaking professor, that the whole religious community, whose servant he is, will stand or fall with him! On this very ground such Colleges can obtain better men, other things being equal, and at even less cost than those which are wholly dependent upon the provision of the "for ever hold their peace." These are state. The element of certainty will compensate for a larger but insecure

LARGE FIGURES.

A recent number of the Christian Advocate furnishes "statistical summaries" of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) for 1880, in advance of the annual volume. There are 94 annual conferences and 15 mission conferences. In the list of the latter are Bulgaria, Central China, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Mexico, North China, South America and Utah

During the year about 700 preachers an average of about two each day were once? And especially when they have number of itinerant ministers is 12,096, deigned to say—whether consistently or a gain of 460 in the list of the preceding vear : the total number of local preachand that they know they are doing a ers is slightly in advance of that of the itinerants. A still more marked increase is seen in the returns of lay membership; the net gain for the year having been 40.799. If we add to this the losses by death-21,294, and losses from various other causes, we may form some idea of the immense numbers led into the fellowship of the Church during a

To the number of deaths in the lay added that of 143 from the ranks of the ministry. The total number of members who have passed away since the introduction of Methodism into the United States is 667,082, and the number of deceased travelling ministers is 3,271 -a grand total of 670,353. How little credit should be given to the frequently repeated statement respecting a growing disregard for infant baptism is shown by the fact that 117. ing last year. "There has been," says the Advocate, "a gradual and gratifying increase in the number of infants baptized for many years." The growth of the Sunday-school work will be readily perceived from the statement that "there was in 1880, an average net increase of 14 schools. 85 officers and teachers, and 1000 scholars for every Sunday of the year. Upon the subject of Church property, it is sufficient to say that the average net increase of churches has been two for each working day of the year, and that of parsonages three for each week of the year. The increase in they wish to see will come to church. estimated values of these items is about

By those who merely listen to figures with the outward ear, or glance at their shape on the paper, these numbers may seem "dry," but to him to whom they become an index of the growth of principles, or the measure of Christian activity, they are deeply eloquent. The full depth of their meaning he never can fathom. "The well is deep" and he gazes only on the surface.

Our readers will remember that these statistics do not include those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a section of the Church specially visited during the past year with revival in-

AN INOUIRY.

An "Anxious Inquirer" asks how he may be able to say "Mysins, which are many, are all forgiven." He cannot remember the time when he had not a desire to love God and His people; he believes that since making a profession; of religion he has walked consistently and many times when engaged in prayer has been "enabled to rejoice." This friend, a type of too many in the Church of to-day, finds his present position an unsatisfactory one, since he cannot, with full round utterance, say with Paul and John, and the thousands of their age and our own, "I know." We advise him, by all means, to have a confidential talk with his pastor on this important matter. Many influences may affect the soul, with which a distant adviser may be quite unfamiliar, and which should be taken into consideration in any effort at spiritual guidance. One thing we believe—that it is his privilege to raise his voice with the vast throng who can say with stronger emphasis than that of the patriarch of old, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." doctrine in the New Testament is more clearly taught than that of the conscious assurance of forgiveness as the privilege of the child of God. Yet too often those who "cannot remember the time" when they "did not desire to love God and His people." live long without it, while those who have been far down the ladder, and have seemed to see hell moved from beneath at their coming, clearly get and steadfastly keep their highlyprized blessing. Such statements as those of our correspondent are more likely to be heard from men and women of the "Lydia" type than from those who in previous life have resembled the Philippian jailer. How much depends upon a clear, definite act of faith in the stonement of Christ at the outset of the Christian life! This wished-for blessing is the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom the Redeemer promised as the Comforter, to lead us into all truth. Like all spiritual gifts, it does not come unasked. When earnestly sought it shall certainly be found, and he who has walked in dimness, until uncertainty has become chronic, and Christian service has been robbed of its buoyancy and vigor, shall thenceforth walk in the light of the

A WANT OF THE CHURCH. We clip a short article under the

above heading from the editorial colimns of the Richmond Advocate. Only those ministers who have been blessed with the presence of stewards as are here described—and we have seen such in this latitude—can properly appreciate their labor of love. How much such men contribute to the effective working of a circuit, by leaving the pastor at liberty to pursue his proper work. and how much they contribute to his success in other fields to which he carries blessed memories, they are never aware. With all due appreciation of the varied schemes now in vogue for raising ministerial support, and in kind recollecmembership, already named, is to be tion of the spirit which prompts them, we fear their tendency is not always of the most favorable character. The support of the ministry, like the pursuit of Christian service, should be steady, and not spasmodic, the result of principle and not of mere impulse; and care should be taken by the circuit officials to secure it by such methods as will not lessen the self-respect of the most sensitive pastor. It is no matter of "charity." "Even so hath the Lord or-865 such baptisms were reported dur- dained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel,"

To come to the point at once, a great want of the church is stewards-men who will feel the importance of the office and fulfil its duties. There are stewards who could raise any assessment made upon any charge. But they can serve only in one place. The work of their stations or circuits they do; but they cannot be transported to supply lack of service elsewhere. These men do not approach persons with complaints that the assessment is too heavy, and then give the original information that the times are hard. They do not defer collections till the day before the Quarterly Meeting, or wait until Sunday morning in the hope that the persons and give them a chance to collect. they take time to collect what is due them personally, so they take time to do this part of the Lord's work. Our system is admirable, but it needs to be worked more efficiently. If the stewards fail in their office, either the preacher's family must suffer, or he must obtrude his wants upon the church. beg the money due, and fasten upon himself the stigma that he is a sordid

Let the stewards be prompt and faithful; this will relieve the preachers of a buiden, and leave them at liberty to attend fully to their proper work. They will have still care enough, without any respecting the necessaries of life. The people should have the tithes ready, and the stewards should bring them into the store-house; then a blessing may be expected which there shall not be room

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Committee of the Eastern Section of the Ecumenical Conference seems to have attached to the paper prepared by Dr. T. O. Summers, of Nashville, a degree of importance not altogether warranted by the character of that document. By a member of the Committee of the Western Section, present at the recent meeting at New York, we are assured that Dr. Summers' paper was not read until the close of that session. and was therefore heard as a matter of courtesy and personal interest. It is probable that our English brethren have remembered that "to be forewarned is to be forearmed." We agree with them that in a convention, slimited to twelve days, the discussions of questions of polity and doctrine could scarcely be undertaken with profit. A statement in the last number of the London Methodist, though without official value, will give some satisfaction to those on this side of the water who were led to infer, from the great importance attached by English Methodist journals to the Conference presidential election, an intention to limit the duties of presiding should have the best possible leaders. officer to one or two prominent minis- who should carefully direct them to terial delegates. That statement will Jesus, and guide them to the Lord's be found on our first page.

On Tuesday afternoon the College Bill was passed in committee of the whole in the House of Assembly. Two amendments only, both emanating from the Government, were introduced. By umn. None are so welcome at His the first the existence of the University | table as the children. Let pastors and of Halifax is prolonged until the first of | people assist them thither. August next, in order to afford opportunity for the usual examinations in July. By the second the Superintendent of Education is only required to make a semi-annual visit, instead of quarterly one as originally proposed. The public must now turn their eyes to the Legislative Council, with whom must rest the final decision of an important question. Between those who have been contending for their rights, and those who have sought to ignore the existence of these, the Government has been placed in a most unenviable position. The late rally of friends of the University, who are more numerous than some imagine; and the outside comments upon the folly of a retrograde step, for such the destruction of the Halifax University is deemed abroad as well as by many at home, have not at all relieved them.

Perhaps the debates in the Council may end it new interest.

A Methodist pastor in New Jersey, in whose charge the missionary collection has been increased threefold, explains the cause in part: "I have districted the foreign field and assigned the various divisions, Japan, China, North India, South India, Bulgaria, etc., to the several classes of the Sunday-school. and these are made responsible for the latest tidings from their respective fields. A report is expected once a month. Further, I have secured an entire session once in three months for the subject of foreign missions,' To this means of enlightening the Church on the details of the great missionary work the pastor attributes largely his success in this direction." An item on the first page shows what a Sunday-school can do for superannuated ministers. Youth must be active, and our young people, as well as their seniors, enjoy practical and wisely directed effort. Their aims and capacities range far beyond the narrow limit of the occasional, and not always judicious, Sunday-school concert.

In penmanship as in painting the old nasters may never be excelled. Few ministers to-day preserve our Conference records in such fine style as that in which James Mann, more than eighty years ago, wrote down the "Minutes of several conversations" between the few Provincial itinerants of the time. Yet in his handwriting every young man ought to strive to excel. When the foreman and compositor have to resolve themselves into a committee over some confounding manuscript, or when the country shopkeeper occupies the attention of the station-master in the vain attempt to make out some city invoice, time, never more valuable than now, is sadly wasted. One of the best writers we have seen-Mr. A. F. Buckley, of this city, has briefly explained to ur the principles of Gaskell's system of penmanship. It is a system, and not a mere imitation. We advise our young friends to procure from Mr. Buckley "Gaskell's Compendium," mentioned in a circular which reached many of them last week.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado, formerly of the Maritime Conferences, asks Zion's Herald to find him "acorner for a little note | from fresh experience, than in the just to let my friends in New England phrases of worn out professions."

know where I am." friends may also like to know where he "Well, here I am, in a hotel in Prince St.., the finest street in Great Britain, looking out at Walter Scott's monument, the finest perhaps in the world. For a month or two I have been doing just two things—dreaming and studying hard. I like to do both To me Edinburgh is the best place in the world for both. It looks about as it did of yore. There, the clock is striking outside. It sounds just as it did in year of other times.

I have been in Britain about form months, visiting the historic places of the land and the haunts of my boyhood, and have seen all kinds of castles, cathedrals, churches, graves, galleries, battlefields, museums and monuments. I have heard all kinds of preachers, great and small and average especially average. During the fall and winter I have had excellent opportunity to hear the noted pulpit men of Great Britain.

The missing link between our churches and Sunday-schools is at length being supplied. Several churches in our Conferences have now a class-meeting composed of Sunday-school children. A correspondent to-day tells of one in which thirty pupils now meet. These table at an early date. " Permit them to approach," we sing. Let us permit them in fact. What objections are sometimes made to their presence in the Church, and with how little reason, is well told in "Our Young Folks" col-

The superintendents of the Annapolis and Granville Ferry circuits, Revs. A. W. Nicolson and W. H. Heartz, are already making provision for temporary homes for members of the Nova Scotia Conference, who meet at the latter place in June. The people are said to be looking forward with much pleasure to our annual gathering, and no difficulty in finding accommodation is anticipated. Probably about thirty of the delegates will be entertained at Annapolis. The members of the N. B. and P. E. Is. land Conference will learn, from the action of the Moncton quarterly board given elsewhere, that an equally cordial reception awaits them from the Methodists of Moncton.

A subscriber, not a member of the Methodist Church, asks us to insert this :- There are three verses by Saint Paul that will do for a text to explain either the Presbyterian or Methodist doctrines. In the three verses there are fifty words, and forty-four of them are believed in alike by both denominations; but the last six words are insisted on being attended to, more strongly by the Methodists than by the Presbyterians, and that leads to the difference between them. The verses are Eph. 2: 8, 9, 10. "For without holiness no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14 W. L. P.

These words of Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, of Brooklyn, are worthy of repetition in every city and country appointment, and at every class-meeting:-"What we need is not the blaze of a few powerful electric lights in certain conspicuous places, but the steady shining of every lamp in the whole Church of Christ over the land. Brooklyn is not lighted by two or three calcium-burners in its public squares, but by innumerable lamps distributed into every street and alley. A genuine revival means a trim ming of personal lamps."

Nothing has given us more pleasure of late than the reception of ready reponses to appeals in behalf of persons anxious to receive the WESLEYAN, but unable to pay for it. In other cases, and in the absence of any appeal, we have been quietly requested to send it to Methodist homes where it was believed both parents and children would be blessed by its visits.

Many of our readers will be anxious to see the Revised New Testament s soon as possible. We advise them at once to forward their orders to the Book Steward-Rev. S. F. Huestis, who will suply them at the earliest date and at the lowest prices. They may be sided in making a selection by consulting the advertisement in another column.

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We are indebted to Robert T. Murray, Esq., Queen's Printer, for copies of the public documents for 1880.

PERSONAL.

It is probable that the Rev. A. Mc-Keown, D.D., of Boston, will take charge of the Chestnut St. Methodist Church, Portland, Me., as pastor, during the present month.

The Rev. Wm. Taylor expects to sail this month to South America to open additional mission work in that country. Mrs. Carrie A. Taylor, his daughter in law, a devoted worker in the Methodist Church, died at Alameda, Cal., Feb. 21, aged 24 years.

The Methodist Recorder, in reference to the recent quarterly meeting of the Horncastle (Eng.) circuit, states: From all parts of the circuit tidings of quickening and revival were reported, resulting in a considerable addition to the number of members, and a large number on trial. This, combined with the presence of the superintendent, the Rev. George Butcher, restored after his long and painful illness to comparatively good health, was gratefully acknow-ledged by the meeting rising to sing the The Rev. G. Butcher was cordially invited to travel in the circuit for a third year.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Guide to Holiness for April. (W. C. Palmer, New York,) is an excellent number of a valuable periodical.

The April number of "Our Little Ones," of rare beauty in illustrations, type and matter, has been received from the Russell Publishing Co., Boston.

Aids to the Students of the Holy Bi-ble: Wesleyan Conference Office, will prove a valuable assistance to the many for whom it is intended. In it will be found besides Concordance, Index and Maps, an amount of valuable information, only to be gleaned at heavy expense of time from a large library.

A, D. F. Randolph & Co. of New York send two pretty Easter memorials -the one, anchor-shaped, with an Easter poem on its leaves, and the other in the form of a tasteful portfolio, containing selections for the season from many writers. The same firm publishes "Heart of Christ my King," and other Ancient Christian Hymns, translated by the late Dr. Washburn. These hymns in neat style form a pretty and appropriate gift for the season.

Marion: or Safe in the Shadow of the Rock, by Margaret E. Winslow, is published by the American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia. The writer tells her readers that "this little book has been written solely to illustrate the way in which a child may come to Christ. and in this effort she has succeeded. Such stories would be regarded as both popular and useful by many who object to the amount of fiction now placed in

At His Feet; Daily Lessons in the Gospels for Devotional Use. By Rev. G. Stringer Rowe, Wesleyan Conference book of lessons to be learned at the feet of Jesus, incidents in whose life are made the subject of devout contemplation. It is specially adapted to be a companion in the place of meditation and prayer, its use in which will assist one to go forth and walk "as Jesus walked below."

The Brotherhood of Man: or Christian Sociology. Rev. W. Unsworth. Weslevan Conference Office. Mr. Unsworth in this timely work calls attention to a long-neglected subject. A few months since we noticed a volume on the same topic from the pen of an American writer, who claimed to be the first to enter full. upon its discussion. To a subject which must be attractive to all who regard society from a Christian standpoint, the popular style and practical aim of the author lends increased interest. Christian ministers can neither afford to play the hermit nor to regard social topics as at all beyond their sphere. We do not wish to imply that the work under review is for the ministry only: its perusal on the contrary would prove a great blessing to our membership. Hitherto we have known but little of the struggle between capital and labor, but cannot always expect to regard it from a distance. The lesson of mutual dependence and mutual assistance, taught under Christian sanctions, will be our best safeguar l against impending evils.

THE SUPERNUMERARY MIN-ISTERS AND MINISTERS WIDOWS' FUND.

NO. III.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR, -In my previous letters I made it appear, that unless a very considerable increase of income for the Fund could be secured this year a very distressing reduction would have to be made from the but very moderate allowances of the Supernumeraries and ministers' widows in our three Conferences, who are dependent upon it, and that the present danger of deficiency arose from the fact that very many of the circuits in all the Conferences had been failing, more and more. year after year, in their contributions to the Fund. I also mentioned what seemed to me the probable causes to which this sadly prevailing and increasing circuit short-coming should be attributed, chief among which was the too common neglect of a strict, literal observance of the 5th, 6th and 7th Rules

of the Constitution. A writer in the WESLEYAN of the 25th ult., who signs himself " One of Many," and whom you, Mr. Editor, introduced to your readers as "one deeply interested in our Church work,"seems to have found, or to imagine that he has found,

off in the amount of our annual circuit contributions," another and entirely different one from either of these which I have suggested; he writes: "It may be the withholding of light," in regard to the investment and management of The Capital Stock, "is one of the chief causes;" and he intimates that as " the people are expected to provide increased means' formation as to the disposal of the funds which they have already placed in their" (the officers of the Fund) "hands for disbursement is greatly needed."

If what this writer assumes is true, then the officers of the Fund, the Treasurers, I suppose, especially, have indeed "grievously offended:" but is it true? Has light in regard to either the management of "The Capital Stock" or the disbursement of the Annual Income been "withheld?"

I am entirely ignorant of any facts in the history of the Fund which can afford the slightest foundation for the suspicion by the that any desirable light in regard to the management and operations of the Fund was designedly withheld from any person interested in it, and seeking such light. I am certain that the Treasurers and Committee have always been anxious that all parties interested should know about all the affairs of the Fund, and I supposed that the means employed were sufficient to place within the reach, at least, of every person attending either of the three Annual Confer-

ences, all the information which could

be desired respecting the Fund. The General Treasurers — a layman and a minister-who are responsible for the management of "The Capital Stock" as well as the disbursement of "The Current Income" according to principles fixed by the Constitution, are required to annually present their books and accounts, both of "The Capital Stock" and "The Current Income" after they have been duly audited by two competent business men, appointed by the Committee, to the General Committee for examination and consideration. This General Committee, to whom the General Treasurers are accountable in the intervals between General Conferences, consists of ministers and laymen from each of the three Annual Eastern Conferences. A report of their annual meetings, with a copy of the General annual accounts which were presented a change of heart and life. to the Conferences last year had been, by order of the Committee, previously printed, and a copy had been sent to each member of the Fund in the three Conferences. To these accounts a note was appended, showing how "The Capital Stock," then amounting to \$67, 647,90, was invested. Moreover, one of the General Treasurers has, each year, visited at least two of the Conferences with the books, ready and willing to give any explanation of the accounts, or further information concerning the Fund, which might be desired by any member. Probably it would have been well if these accounts, after being read in the several Conferences, had been by them ordered to be published in their Minutes for the information of our friends not in attendance at the Confer-

be adopted hereafter. not vet been examined and passed by the General Committee, I think I may, without impropriety, give a summary of them, from which I trust "One of Many," and those for whom he speaks. will be able to obtain the light which they desire in advance of the public reading of the accounts in the approaching Conferences, so that they will deem it right to do all they can "to provide the increased means" needed this year week. to ensure the payment of the claims in

ences; and I hope that this course will

we have been holding special services in our new church at Upper Nashwaak. ACCOUNTS. I. CURRENT INCOME ACCOUNT, 1879-80. Receipts.

Grant from Miss'y. Society 700 00 Total income for the year \$8514 40

Expenditure. 1. Annuities paid to 28 Supernumer-on late R. Robertson's Legacy....

Subscriptions ret'd 228 00 3. Incidentals, viz:
Loss on Nor. Pacific Stock sold \$ 44 00

Total expenditure for year... 8179 00 Balance added to "Capital Stock"... 335 40

CAPITAL STOCK ACCT., JULY, 1880. To amt. July 1879, as per acct.... \$ 67.647 90 Bal. Income acet. 1879-80..... 355 40 Total amount "Capital Stock."

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(1) Province of New Brunswick, £2000 stg. and \$6,000

(3) St. Stephen Town..... 2,300 00 Methodist Book Room Notes from 9 Ministers in N. S. Conference..... By Notes from 16 Ministers in N.B. and P.E.I. Conf 1060 82

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Bal in Treasurer's hands 428 11

among "the chief causes of the falling | least, to the second,—"Amount of Min- ally a Methodist minister comes along by the fourth Article of the Constitu- without a pastor." tion, had been duly met.

> 2. In the Capital Stock of 1879 were included (1) "certain sums of interest due on investments, (2) North Pacific Railway Stock (since sold at a loss of only \$44), and (3) amount due on a mortgage in course of foreclosure, together amounting to nearly \$4000, which yielded no income during the year, yet it may be noticed that the amount of interest for the year gives more than six and a quarter per cent on the year's amount of Capital Stock. Most of the investments in the earlier years were made at the rate of six per On Thursday evening, March 31st, at cent interest, those of the few more rether close of the Rev. Ralph Brecken's years were made at the rate of six per cent ones have been made to yield seven and a few eight per cent.

All of which is respectfully submitted

SENIOR TREASURER.

EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations of Probationers and Candidates for the Methodist ministry, in the N. B. & P. E. I. Conference, will be held at Fredericton April 27th. and 28th., and at Moncton and Charlottetown May 3rd. and 4th.

J. J. COLTER Sec. Board of Examiners.

OUR OWN CHURCH.

A "Farewell Donation" will be given to Rev. R. B. Mack in the Hall at Acadian Mines on the 14th inst.

Five persons were received into Church fellowship at Amherst on Sunday last. The new hymn book was introduced on

Rev. J. Gaetz administered the ordinance of Christian baptism to five more candidates at Margaretville on Sunday, and received two persons on trial, making in all 25 up to the present.

We learn from Rev. B. C. Borden that some "interesting services at Arcadia have resulted in the addition of Treasurer's account, is sent from this 12 persons to the church and several General Committee to each of the An- more to the classes." At Brooklyn sevnual Conferences concerned. And the eral have already professed to experience

A donation party was lately held in the Pugwash parsonage, and twenty-five dollars presented to the pastor. The weather interfered with the success of the gathering, but some who were disappointed in being present very quietly and kindly increased the amount to for-Meetings on behalf of the Methodist

Missionary Society have just been held on the Baie Verte and Bayfield circuits, and the receipts are far in advance of last year's. The new Methodist hymn book is to be used for the first time in the church at Baie Verte on Easter Sun-At Dartmouth, on Sunday evening,

Rev. S. F. Huestis preached an earnest The accounts for 1880, made up after had passed the prescribed term of prothe close of the last Conferences, have bation. We are glad to know that the been examined and found by the auditors present successful pastor—Rev. H. P. to be correct, and although they have Doane, has been invited to return another year—the Conference permitting.

Sermons on behalf of the Educational Society were preached in St. John on Sunday last. Revs. Dr. Stewart, of Mt Allison, and E. Evans, President of the N. B. and P. E. Island Conference were the visiting preachers on the occasion. The annual meetings of the Educational Society are being held in the city this

Rev. L. S. Johnson, writing on the 31st ult., says: For the past four weeks God has blessed our efforts and is greatly reviving his work amongst us. Over forty persons have recently decided to the Lord. The interest seems to be still steadily deepening and spreading.

The annual meeting of the Varley trust was held at the office of Messrs. Troop & Son, St. John, N. B., on the 23rd ult. There was a large attendance of trustees, representing the various Me-28 00 thodist churches in the city and Carleton. Rev. D. D. Currie occupied the chair. The officers elected for the ensuing year were Capt. J. Prichard, chairman, and Mr. John E. Irvine, secretary-

A correspondent of the Carleton Sentinel says the Methodists on the Tobique (Anthurette circuit) have secured (by deed) a very desirable property at Three Brocks. The property consists of five acres of land and a house 22x23 feet with an ell 13x26 feet. Notices are out for tenders for finishing the outside of the main building. The ell is already clapboarded. It is hoped that the outside of the parsonage will be finished this spring.

Rev. John Johnson, of the Petite Riviere circuit, rejoices ever a revival at New Italy where ministers of our Church have labored for over a quarter of a century with little visible success. More than thirty persons, most of whom are heads of families, have been led to seek justification through faith in Christ. Most of them are believed to be happy through the forgiveness of sins. Let him that soweth and him that reapeth rejoice together.

A gentleman from Grand Manan recently said to a reporter of the St. John Daily Sun, "There are quite a number of adherents of Methodism on the Island, without a pastor, though repeated appeals have been made to the Conference Circuits'-should have been equal, at to "send over and help us." Occasion-

isters' subscriptions," and it would have and is warmly received. It is strange in March last amounted to \$3,470.46, been considerably more than equal, if that so energetic a body should suffer the responsibility of each circuit, as fixed the flock on the Island to be so long month of last year.

> Rev. T. L. Williams and the congreentered on the third week of extra services. Four have professed to find peace with God. Several members whose voices had not been heard by the pastor have fallen into line as earnest workers. and others are seeking assurance of salvation. Mr. Williams writes: "Bro. Colter and his estimable lady are rendering us most valuable assistance. I believe we are only entering upon a glorious revival."

> lecture on "The Land of the Pharaohs," at Kaye St. church, in this city, Mr. Brecken, on behalf of the congregation presented Mr. Joseph Kaye, about to visit England, with a handsome illuminated address. Immediately afterward Rev. C. M. Tyler, the pastor, called upon Mr, George F. Hills, leader of the choir, and read an address, which Mr. Kave followed by the presentation of a handsome time-piece. Both Messrs. Kaye and Hills are said to have been "really" surprised. Mr. Kaye sailed on Saturday per Parisian for England, where he will probably spend a year,

A tea was provided on the evening of the 3rd ult., in the basement of the church at Woodstock, N. B., an invitation to which was accepted by a large number of the members of the congregation. After tea, the Rev. G. B. Payson took the chair, and explained the object of the meeting to be the bringing together of the members of the congregation into closer social contact, and at church. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Colwhich was followed in appropriate addresses by Messrs. R. M. Bailey, J. T. Smith, and a reading by Mr. S. Watts. A subscription paper was then opened and \$134 was at once subscribed to meet the present year's indebtedness. During the evening the choir rendered some excellent music. - Sentinel.

Under date of April 4th, Rev. T. Hicks, of Shediac, writes in reference Brunswick :-The congregations at Moncton are

arge and matters generally are in a healthy condition. Special services commenced by the pastor in January, were continued for five or six weeks. They were a source of spiritual blessing to many, and over twenty were received on trial. The Sabbath-school is in a high state of efficiency, with an increasing attendance. A class-meeting has been formed in connection with it, and about thirty youth have joined the same. Educational sermons were preached by the Rev. W. W. Percival to large congregations, and the collections were in excess of last year. At the third quarterly meeting, held recently, the pastor received a unanimous invitation to remain a third year. Resermon and at the close formally receiv- solutions were passed by the Board, exed into membership six persons who pressing its satisfaction that the approaching Conference is to be held in utmost in making the delegates comfortable during their visit. The forthcoming event is looked forward to with great pleasure by the congregation gen-

The friends at Lower Coverdale are taking steps towards the erection of a church, and according to indications the day is not far distant when their efforts will be crowned with success. Rev. Mr. Manaton is pushing the matter. The Coverdale people recently presented their pastor with a donation amounting to between 80 or 90 dollars.

A missionary meeting was held at Shediac a fortnight ago. Excellent addresses were delivered by the Chairman of the District, and the Rev. W. W. Percival. The collection amounted to \$12, which sum will be increased by subscriptions. Special services were held at Painsec Junction during the last three weeks in March and were attended with gracious results. We have received thirty on probation. Since entering our church at Shediac the congregation has increased. The prospect for the future is hopeful. Ere long we hope to re-organize the church, which since the fire has been somewhat scattered.

GENERAL CHURCH NEWS.

The Baptists of Russia have sent a missionary to Bulgaria. The sale of Bibles has recently been very large in Bulgaria, and there are signs, itis said, of deep religious interest.

A series of meetings is being held in a large ball room in Paris. Thousands attend the services, Drs. Moned, Pressense, and other Protestants preaching the sermons, which are designed to correct the popular misconceptions of Pro-

SECULAR GLEANINGS.

heavy loss on the owners.

A S. P. C. A. was organized in Saint John on Thursday week. Windsor capitalists are moving in the

direction of a cotton mill. Copp's saw mill, at Bristol, N. B., was burned on the 27th ult, entailing a

Sheriff Blanchard of Truro, who died on the 27th ult., was 71 years of age, and had been Sheriff 40 years.

The Baptist Church at Wood's Harbor was destroyed by fire on the evening for. of the fire was a defective flue.

The Customs receipts at Fredericton

The statement for March of the St. John Branch of the Dominion Savings gation at Grier Settlement, N. B., have Bank is as follows: Deposits, \$80,454,-43; payments, \$51,286.55.

> The election in Carleton Co. N. B. resulted in the return of Mr. Irvine by a majority of 47 votes over Dr. Connell. About 3,000 votes were cast.

A pile of 20,000 or more poles is lying at Meadow Brook. They are for rail-road fences along the I. C. R., for which Mr. J. Peters of Moncton has the con-

A P. E. I. Paper says"—B. Wilson Higgs, Esq., has now pressed about 700 tons of prime timothy hay. Since last fall he has purchased nearly 1000 tons. He kept two presses running all winter

The schooner Emma May, at this port on Monday from Ponce, P. R., on Alonzo Hatfield, seaman, of Parrsboro', the most active and influential members N.S., was washed overboard and drown-

There is a great rush of freight over the Intercolonial. During four days of were reported inwards at Moncton sta- stituting affirmations for oaths. tion, and nearly the same number out-Among the recent graduates at the

Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania was Miss Alma A. Lapham, of Carleton, St. John. She is the first jects. New Brunswick lady who has taken a medical degree.

The steamer European for Liverpool, the same time laying before them a G.B., sailed last week, taking the largstatement of the financial affairs of the est shipment of cattle ever loaded at Halifax, comprising 757 head, valued at pitts, then submitted a financial report, \$94,626, and coming principally from the Upper Provinces.

Committees are busy at work in arranging for the coming Dominion Exhibition in Halifax this fall. The buildings are to be enlarged and a \$15,000 prize list is promised

The schr. "Corean," owned by H & A Locke, sailed from Lockeport, N. S., Jan. 20th, for Barbados, and as nothing to our work in that section of New has been heard of her since, she is supposed to be lost. The captain, John Dunn, and most of the crew were from Nova Scotia.

> The New Brunswick Railway Company are to remove their car works from Gibson to Woodstock, N.B. Arrangements, it is understood, have been completed by this road for the construction of a branch line from Fort Fairfield to Presque Isle.

> A special freight train of 16 cars. loaded with sugar, and drawn by two locomotives, destined for Moncton and Montreal, left the track (except the first engine) at Westchester, early on Saturday morning. Nine of the cars were totally wrecked, but the lecometive was not damaged. The hands escaped un-

At the annual meeting of Convecation of McGill University, Montreal, the Moncton, and pledging itself to do its degree of M. D. was conferred on J. E. Trueman, B. A. of Woodstock, N. B. The following passed their primary examination: James. C. Bowser, Kingston. N. B.; W. D. Brydone Jack, B. A., Fredericton; John S. Lathern, Yarmouth, N. S.

> Mr. Edward Payson of Westport, N. S., mate of the "Cedar Croft," was one of the men lost during the recent voyage of that vessel from Baltimore to Waterford. He was standing near the wheel, which was manned by two men, when a sea broke over the vessel, washing them and five others overboard. The return of the sea washed five of the men on board again, but the mate and the two men at the wheel were lost.

On Saturday afternoon Sir Hugh Allan entertained a large company of citezens at luncheon on board the Parisian. In the course of his speech, he "While I am proud to see a ves- have been washed ashore. said. sel like this in the magnificent harbour of Halifax, my satisfaction is tinged with regret that, owing to the distance from the great freight supplying centres. there is little probability of its being able for some time to come to give business enough entirely to support a line of steamers like the Parisian. The Intercolonial Railroad can no doubt do much, and has already done a great deal, but even it cannot, with out wonderful exertions, direct enough of freight or a stream of passengers such as is required to maintain vessels like this.'

UPPER PROVINCES. Another trans-Atlantic line of steamers between the Tyne and Montreal has been established.

A company has been formed at Montreal with \$80,000 capital, to establish a confectionery on an extensive scale.

It is feared that low water this spring will prevent a large portion of last winter's cut of timber from being sawn. It will be hung up in the Ottawa and trib-

At seven o'clock on Tuesday morning the new Seminary at Rimouski was discovered to be on fire, and in one hour's time mothing was left but the walls. The cost of the Seminary was \$50,000; insured for \$25,000.

A meeting of Canada Pacific Railway shareholders was held in London on Thursday week, at which all the necessary financial arrangements for the earnest prosecution of work were provided of the 28th ult. It is supposed the cause of Winnipeg in operation by gardens and quays and entering St Elmo of the fire was a defective flue. the close of the year.

ABROAD.

Two tramps were arrested the other day in Brooklyn while kidnapping two three-year-old children.

The experiment of lighting portions of London by the Brush and Sieman electric system was entirely successful.

During 1880 there were 170 steam boiler explosions in the United States, which killed 259 persons and wounded The Athens correspondent of the Pall

Mall Gazette says: "Here nobody believes in peace : no anti-war Ministry could remain in office a week. The largest sum ever paid at Boston

for tonnage tax on any one vessel was

paid on the new steamship Parisian, the amount paid being 1,608.70. The schr. David J. Adams, of Cape Ann, arrived in Boston the 22nd ult.

from a ten days' trip, and sold her eatch for \$2117. The crew shared \$107 each. Jasper Terry, editor of the Roscommon Herald, arrested at Boyle last week the 28th ult. shipped a heavy sea, when on a charge of intimidation, is one of

of the Land League. Mr. Bradlaugh, addressing his supporters at Northampton, said if re-elected he would take the oath and immedilate, about ninety trains of 1100 cars ately ask leave to introduce a bill sub-

> The Times' Paris correspondent believes it is proposed to exercise or impose a French protectorate over Tunis, but to maintain the Bey, and leave him full authority over his Mussulman sub-

Herr Most, of the Freheit, has been arraigned at the Bow-street Police Court for publishing a libel concerning the late Czar, and urging people to commit mur-der outside of Her Majesty's domin-

The Arkansas Legislature last week passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to sell in that State a dirk, bowie-knife, sword-cane or brass knuckles or pistol of any kind, except such as are used in the

Specials at New Orleans report heavy frost and ice throughout the entire section on Friday night. Early vegetables in North Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama are badly damaged. It is feared the peach crop is entirely cut off.

A committee, representing all sections of Irish Nationalists and English Democrats, is being formed in London to agitate for the unconditional release of Davitt. The agitation will be extended to the United States, Canada and

The brass moulders of New York decided to strike for 10 per cent. advance in wages on May 1st. They now receive from \$2.50 to \$3 per day. The brass workers resolved to form a national organization with a view to enforcing the eight hour law.

The deepest coal-pit in England—that of the Ashten Moss Colliery Company-has, after six years boring, reached the desired coal beds. The sinkings have reached a depth of 897 yards (including the six-foot seam of coal) and the borings have gone down to 1,050

The World says if Beaconsfield recovers he will probably resign the Conservative leadership at the close of the present session of Parliament.—Mr. Gladstone at the end of his speech in the House of Commons, last night, said this was his eleventh and probably last budget.

The Western Methodist Book Concern at Cincinnati had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Sunday morning last, just after midnight. The large building opposite the printing office and bindery, and across Home St., which is about twenty feet wide, caught fire and was a total loss.

Violent squalls prevailed on Sunday in the vicinity of London. Many small boats, filled with holiday pleasure seekers, capsized. Of the boats hired at Hammersmith on Saturday afternoon, eight failed to return. It is thought sixteen lives were lost. Four bodies

The news from the towns above Sioux City, Iowa, is distressing. Vermillion, with the exception of a few houses, has been entirely swept away. It is not believed that any loss of life has resulted. The town of Niobrara, in Nebraska, has been flooded. The whole country is nervously excited.

A shock of an earthquake occurred on the Island of Chio on the 3rd inst. It destroyed many houses in the town of Chio, and seriously damaged nearly all that were left standing. Many of the inhabitants were killed and the remainder were encamped in the fields. Many of the neighboring villages were destroyed.

For several days gales and heavy rains have swept from the ocean coasts across the peninsula in the South of Spain causing many shipwrecks and loss of life. In the provinces south of the capital there has beeen immense destruction of property, cattle and crops. - The floods at Seville are most serious. Many houses gave way before the force of water. Several hundreds of the poor are in the public buildings and the churches. Three suburbs and sixty streets have from one to twenty-seven feet of water in them. The people are living in the upper stories, the police taking food and provisions to them by boat. Twelve hundred men are working to strengthen the dykes and railway embankments. All the valley and country beyond it is an immense lake. The tops of trees, churches and roofs just appear above the waters, which sweep along cattle and crops, and the river, which is five miles broad be-The company hopes to have 350 | fore it enters Seville, is rushing over

REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE T. A. S. DEWOLF, ESQ., OF WOLFVILLE.

REV. C LOCKHART.

The aged Christain man you men tioned some weeks ago in one of your editorials as having told you a blessed experience he had at the age of twelve years, while praying in his father's field. I assume was the late T. A. S. DeWolf, Esq., who died at his residence in Wolfville, September 21st,

The revival you mention as the time when he "fell into line with the Church" occurred in this town. One evening during the revival Mr. De-Wolf was at service in the old Congregational church, where some were cry ing for mercy and some loudly praising God for what He had done for them. He too was powerfully wrought upon by the Holy Spirit, and led earnestly to pray for the pardon of his sins. His prayer was answered, and he also rejoised in a conscious sense of God's pardon, and began at once to show his gratitude by assisting in prayer meetings and by striving to bring others to Jesus. And to this To the Editor of the Wesleyan. may be ascribed, in part at least, his steadfastness and usefulness as a the Mission field and am happy to reworker in the Church for nearly, or port favorably. quite, sixty years.

our now sainted brother joined the settlements, holding eight prayer meet-Methodist Church, of which he remain- ings, preaching twenty-five times, and ed a warmly-attached and universally. making one hundred and fifty pastoral respected member to the end of his visits. In every place we received respected member to the end of his visits. In every place we received generation also, till the threescore years words of cheer and unfurled the flag protracted life.

My recollections of Mr. DeWolf go of our loya! Methodism. back to my early boyhood, when he became connected with the mercantile business of Mr. Ratchford, his fatherin law, at Parrsboro. From the first time I remember to have seen and heard him, I was deeply impressed with his solemn vet cheerful countenance, his musical voice, elequent addresses, and earnest prayers. During the seven years he remained at Parisboro' he strove by words and deeds to help forward the cause of religion; and no one ever heard his voice in public but with pleasure, and many heard with lesting benefit. The very high esteem in which he was held was shown during a visit he made to the place sometime after he had removed to Wolfville. It was in December, eral days we had fifty two men at work 1835. A very powerful revival of religion had been in progress for several weeks, and many of the young people for whose spiritual welfare he had evinced a deep solicitude and to whom he had earnestly recommended religion, had been converted. By these, as well as the older members of the Church whom he had encouraged in the days of weakness and surrounding moral darkness, his coming was hailed with great joy : and the regret that his stay was necessarily short was universal. And it was also a time of religious joy to Mr. DeWolf, bimself. Indeed. I

have heard him speak of it repeatedly

as one of the bright spots in his re-

ligious experience.

time just referred to 1867, when it was my privilege to be stationed in the Horton Circuit, and to be often in his company under his hospitable roof, I had the opportunity of seeing the subject of this imperfect sketch but occasionally. But when I did meet with him, the feelings of veneration and affection that had been so early produced in my mind were revived, and I was led to see he was the same benevolent, condescending, carnest Christian, with more ripened cx perience. I have used the word "condescending" for the reason that he was always at home in the company of any good person who could converse intelligently upon the subject of Christian experience, however humble his social position might be. For every such person he always had a kind word and a loving heart. And in him, as well as in his excellent wife—another Dorcas -the poor had a sympathizing and liberal friend. In many other things ling ministers in its enticing nets. also his example could be safely follow- church members float down its rapids, ed-particularly his strict observance and in every possible way it does more of the holy Sabbath. During the injury to the cause of Ged than all time he represented his native county other Satanic inventions beside. Has in the Provincial Parliament, the not the time come when a rallying cry Governor of the Province was at against intemperance must go forth Kentville on a Saturday and requested with trumpet like sound throughout Mr. DeWolf to accompany him on the length and breadth of this and horseback, the following day, through other lands. Is it nothing to us that the Cornwallis Valley. His reply to man, made a little lower than the anthis request was, "Your Excellency, gels, should imbrute himself and conthat would be against my religious demn himself to the gutter? Is it convictions, but on Monday I shall be nothing to us that to counteract the most happy to accompany you." We influences of the ministry and a soulhave given this as an example of the saving church, there are dancing salconscientious regard he had for the oons, gin palaces, rum taverns? This sanctity of God's holy day, and the rampant, pestilent, soul destroying promptness with which he resisted the demon!

on the day of his father's funeral :- "It sound on this point. We cannot, we would have given me great satisfac- must not, we dare not be indifferent. tion to accompany your late father's A sermon, of which the above is a remains to the grave to day; but pre- mere outline, was finished by a stirvious plans and arrangements have ring address to the Flat Island Lodge prevented me. . . . ever, to testify to his family the high sion. regard I have felt for him for nearly thirty years. Mr. DeWolf was a man of principle and unswerving integrity. He ever sought to do what was right and would not be diverted from it. on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th. Mr. He was a sturdy patriot, and all men J. R. Parsons ably presided, and adheld him in respect and esteem. We were not accustomed to think of him, in regard to religion, as connected with Bishop and the pastor. The choir, any particular body, although he was with Mrs. Snowden at the harmonium, undoubtedly true to his conscientious gave pleasing selections of music. convictions. He was an honorable member of the great Christian Church, the close a collection was made in aid and recognized the full meaning of of the funds of the Society. the Lord's saying, "The kingdom of God is within you." All Christians raid "he is one of us."

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Flat Islands, Placentia Bay,

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what quarter it might.

But lest I should claim too large a share of your valuable space I must hasten to a conclusion. I cherish the memory of all the departed I have known who were ornaments to the Church, and a blessing to the world they lived in but none more s than that of my profoundly-respected and sincerely-loved friend and brother in the Lord, T. A. S. D. Wolf, Esq. And I especially cherish the memory of the intercourse I had with him during the three years I labored in the Horton Circuit. By sound advice, words of encouragement, deep Christian sympathy, and such personal effort as his health would permit, he strove to make the work of Bro. Cowperthwaite-my colleague-and of myself, successful. And none rejoiced more than he did when a soul was brought to Jesus, or Christians gave evidence of deepening piety. And when, in memory, I follow im through life as far as at was my privilege to know bim, I do not wonder that just as he was going into "the valley and shadow of death" he was able to say, "Underneath me are the everlasting arms." Liperpool, N. S.,

Mar. 25th, 1881.

FLAT ISLANDS, N.F.

I send you a line from this part of

We had a five weeks Missionary tonr Soon after that memorable evening round Piacentia Bay, visiting nine

SPECIAL SERVICES.

On Sanday January 2nd we commenced a series of special services and continued every evening in prayer for found at the post of duty. forty-two successive nights. meetings have been crowded and much perienced. Believers have been quick- ed." All the more I wingly then did ene i and strengthened? backsh ers re- his tranquil faith embrace the Rock covered and staners converted. We of Ages, unswervingly, confidently ill were often led to sing

Heaven already is begun, Everlasting Life is won.

We have torn down the building in which our p ople have worshipped in late years and on the same site commenced to build a new one. For sevand have succeeded in getting the new building rough-boarded in, shingled

TEMPERANCE. The Temperance workers of this vicinity are going forward in their grand and glorious enterprise. For some time they have had in contemplation the erection of a Hall in which to hold their varied meetings. Said Hall has been erected and was opened under most auspicious circumstances on Sunday, Jany 18th. The resident minister preached a sermon on the occasion to the Good Templars, basing his remarks on Lamentations 1st c. 12th v. "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass He remarked : " The Church of Christ's rising to her noble position and placing herself in the front ranks of the Temperance reform. She is becoming alive to the fact that if the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to have "free course and be glorified" every impediment must be removed. And where is there so great a barrier or stumbling block to the progress of the Gospel wheels as intemperance. Is it not acknowledged to be the greatest mechanism the Devil has in motion. Like a giant it stalks through this and other

Step by step he leads his victim. To the verge of dread despair. Hurls him o'er the brink of ruin. Laughs and leaves him helpless there, Widowed hearts and homes deserted. Helpless children orphans made. What a picture! God of Mercy Let this cruel tide be staved. Intemperance is emphatically pois-

oning the streams of religion, entang-

temptation to do wrong, come from There is no apology needed for preaching a temperance sermon. The Here we may give extracts from a time has come when every true watch. letter addressed by the Rev. Dr. man on the walls of Zion is bound to Cramp to Dr. J. R. De Wolf, his son, keep no silence or make no uncertain "I wish how- of Good Templars, present on the occa-

MISSIONARY MEETING. The annual Missionary Meeting in connection with the Methodist Church was held in the Good Templars' Hall dresses were delivered by Messrs. H. Wm. Crann, Wm. Loughlin, James There was a crowded audience, and at

Nfld., Feb. 20, '81.

MEMORIAL NOTICES

ABBAHAM VAN ORDEN

was born at Tusket, Yarmouth C ... in the year 1811 O: his early life un particulars remain, but temoving to Indian Brook, Shelbuine Co., while yet a young man, he was led in special services to draw nigh to God, and with the heart to believe unto salvation. W have reason to believe that even previously to the saving change he was not only a moral but a wail-inclined young man. In his case the work of the Spirit was no less thorough and definite in itself, than it was permanent and healthful in its results From this hour for him "telive was Conist." Like the steady volume of a over whose waters seek the ocean, so ceaselessly his inner lite sought only the fullness of loving God. While it may not be said he was a man of brilliant and varied gifts, the few he did possess were of great value. He was thorough, reliable and pledding, and notably a man of faith, whose life was a constant and consistent testimony to the grace of God. Of Christian onligation and privilege his conceptions were enlightened and scriptural; a minimum amount and passable kind of piety y no means comported with his aident love. As a practical element in his life he never lost sight of that high standard of Christian excellence: "He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to waik, even as He walked." His was the power of a living faith, not a faith, therefore, disunited from love and barren of holy to.l. jug. He was a Trustee and Class-leader in connection with our church at Port La Tour, and thus se. ved his God and and ten were almost filled. Nothing cheered him more than to hear of the welfare of Zion, and as long as health and the approach of age permitted a somewhat enteebled traine, he was ever

For some time it appeared evident that a long-seated heart-disease was unction and power from on high ex- causing "the silver cord to be loosenthe Master called hom, "and he was not for God took bim," on Feby. 8th, 1881. Half a century of devoted servi e was a fitting prelude to an "abundant entrance.'

MRS. JOSHUA HOLMES

passed away from ner earthly home at Mansfild, Cumb. Co., to her home in beaven, April 24:4, 1880. The Master called her very suddenly, while she and her children were watching and pray ing by the bed-side of her much-loved busband, who then appeared to be drawing near the gates of death. Truly, 'God moves in a mysterious way." She was forced to seek rest, but anx ety for her suffering husband was so great that, for a time, her weary eyelids refused to close. When, at last, she did sleep, it did not prove to be "tired nature's sweet restorer," for when she awoke she was quite delirious; but the Lord graciously gave ber intervals of perfect sanity, which she faithfully improved by lovingly admonishing her death was drawing near and spoke triumphantly of her departure. After she had slept for some time, loving watchers about her bed saw a deathly pallor overspread her features. They tried to awagen her, but in vain-she was even then gliding away from earth. In about half an hour, without a struggle or a moan, she was released from mortality, just at the hour in which ste had so loved to gather her children together to commend them to the care of that God in whom she trusted. The Psalmist speaks of those who mourn for a mother as being a very bitter trial: but in addition to this was the anticipation of the death of their father who, although in an adjoining room, knew nothing of the event, so sad to them but so joyous to her, and they feared to tell him lest the shock should snap the slender thread that bound him to earth; but the Lord, in mercy, has partially restored him to health, and together they mourn under this sad bereavement, " yet not as those without hope" for they derive consolation from reflecting upon her lovely and exemplary life. The Methodist society has sustained a loss-the young in the community will long remember her Christian counsel. My own personal recollection dates back some twenty-five years. I think the first time I met her, she drew me away from the company and asked me if I had given my heart to God. Many times has she sought by precept and by prayer to lead me, as well as others, into the enjoyment of that higher Christian life which she had already attained. Many have had reason to thank God for the remembrance of such a life.

Belmont, Col. Co., April 1st, 1881.

The following anecdote is told of would consider his case. "No, no," promised that the officer should be resatisfy the man. "Tell me here, before everybody, that I am an officer of yours, Father, and sign this paper-Your mere word would not be obeyed once your back was turned."

To command your own esteem is more essential than to command the esteem of the world.

BREVITIES.

P verty comes from God: but not

H. who builds according to every man's advice will live ma very crooked house - Danish Proverb.

Methodist lady to local preacher " How did you get your tobacco through into ' tue highway of holiness?' "

Love without esteem cannot reach far, nor rise very high: it is an angel with but one wing.—A. Dumas fils.

Monuments do not prove very much after all; some of the wisest and best men who have ever lived are buriedno one knows where.

Every thing falls and is effaced. A few fee under the ground reigns so profound a silence, and yet so much tumuit on the surface!

I look upon indolence as a sort of

troyed though the appetite of the brute may survive. - Chesterfield. "Thousands have tried it and will never use any other," is the significant

and partietic encomium of a cough bal-

suicide, for the man is efficiently des-

sam which circulates in New England. Bennett, the Wausau murderer of a rival dentist, who is now in the La Crosse jal, will attempt to get clear on the ground of emotional insanity. He used to keep it behind the door in a

Glucose is described in a recent French paper as follows: "Glucosoa product with which wine is manufactured without grapes, cider without apples, and confectionery without

Gushing Æsthete (mad on Music of the Future)-"My dear Mrs. D'Al maine, I'm atraid we came too early; but we have had such a treat in lister. ing to the composer in the next room. Wagner himself could not have been more daingly original." | M.s. D Almain. does not feel called on to explain that it was only the man tuning the in

During the Convention of the State Temperance Alliance in City Hall, Coumbus, O., when the Rev. W. H. Boofe was about half through his lecture, he asked, "What good has the rumseller ever done? Can any body think of any one whom the liquor business has benefited? I pause for an answer." The speaker expected none, but the eccentric Creighton broke the silence by crying out "The grave-digger." This brought the house down.

Children are sometimes driven out of the church of their fathers by the injudicious habit of parents who speak haishly of other people. The heart—especially the young heart—instinctively sympathizes with that which is persecuted, ridiculed, or ill-treated in any way. And the most painful breaches in the family circle have been caused by the excessive care of paients to set their children against individuals or opinions, or practices which they, the parents, regard as evil. There is

wisdom in winning souls. The Congregationalist tells the following story: " On one occasion it was announced in the English Episcopal church at Yokohama, Japan, that at a certain time a special service of prayfor missions would be held. Some care was taken to circulate the news, and a number of others assembled besides the usual attendants. The service was begun and carried on as usual. but when the point had been reached at which it was to assume its special character, the rector arose and stated that to his great regret it would be impossible to pray for missions that day because the prayers had not arrived! The Bishop of London had failed to mail them in sufficient season, and the service had to be concluded in the usual form.'

The Christian Intelligencer strikes at the disposition of some persons to find species of comfort in the inconsistencies of Christians with the following incident about a certain blacksmith :-"An old gentleman, a deacon, one day went into the shop, and the blacksmith soon began about what some Christians had done, and seemed to have a good time over it. The old deacon stood a few minutes and listened, and then quietly asked him if he had read the story in the Bible about the rich man and Lazarus? 'Yes, many a time, and what of it? 'Well do you remember about the dogs-how they came and licked the sores of Lazarus?' 'Yes, and what of that?' 'Well,' said the deacon, 'do you know, you just remind me of those dogs, content merely to lick the Christians' sores.' The blacksmith suddenly grew pensive, and hasn't had much to say about failing

Christians since." Mr. Carlyle's severest critic, and a Atexander II, A few years before his critic of his own school, was an old death, while visiting Odessa, a cashier- parish roadman at Ecclefechan. "Been ed officer broke through his guards, a long time in this neighborhood?" and casting himself on his knees be- asked an American traveller on the sought the Emperor to grant him jus- outlook for a sight of the sage. " Been tice. The Emperor answered that he here a' ma days, sir." "Then you'll know the Carlyles?" "Weel that! A exclaimed the man, "if you do not see ken the whole 'o them. There was, let justice done me at once I am lost." me see," he said, leaning on his shovel Then the Czar heard his story, saw and pondering, "there was Jock. he that a cruel wrong had been done, and | was a kind 'o throughtther sort o' chap, a doctor, but no a bad fellow, Jockinstated. Even this, however, did not be's deid, mon." "And there was Thomas," said the inquirer, eagerly. "Oh, ay, of coorse, there's Tam-a useless munestruck chap that writes m London. There's naething in Tam; but, mon, there's Jamie, owre in the Newlands-there's a chap for ye; he's the mon o' the family. Jamie tak's maire swine into Ecclefechan market

than any ither farmer in the parish."

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At Upper Nashwaak, York Co., N.B., on the 30th ult., by the Rev. L. S. Johnson, Mr. Albert Abernethy, of Nashwaak, St. Mary's, to Miss Marths Jane Fraser, of Upper Nashwaak.

At Barrington, March 4th, by Rev. J. R. Hart, Stephen C. Nickerson, to Reliance A. Nickerson, all of Barrington. At the Methodist Parsonage, Ritcey's Cove, on March 12th, by Rev. A. Hockin, James Ritcey and Ada E Ritcey, of Ritcey's Cove.

At the Parsenage, Salisbury, N.B., March 28th., by the Rev. W. Penna, Mr. David H. Hope, of Salisbury, to Miss C. J. Graves, of the same place. At his residence, Sackville, on March 23rd, by the Rev. Dr. Pickard, William H. Fillmore, of Fairfield, to Miss Rebecca, daughter of the

late William Pringle, of the same place. At the residence of the bride, Wolfville, or the 29th of March, by the Rev. T. Rogers, am the Rev. B. Hills, a.B., to Carrie, widow of the

late T. A. Crane, and youngest daughter of the late T. A. C. DeWolf, Esq. At Welsford, N.B., on the 31st ult., by the Rev. A. E. LePage, Mr. Arthur Jones to Miss

Susan Belyea, both of Welsford. At the Parsonage, Aylesford, by Rev. J. Gaetz, March 24th, John Hornell to Lydia L. Armstrong, all of Burlington, Kings Co.

At River John, March 31st., by the Rev. J. Astbury, Mr. George L. Bigney and Miss Mary E. Langill, both of River John.

At Windsor, on the 2nd inst., by the father of the bride, Mr. T. Stone Wood, to Mary Augusta, daughter of Rev. Roland Morton.

DIED

At Wallace Bay, February 18th, Thomas Salter, aged 64. During Rev. R. Smith's min istry Bro. Salter was converted to God; he at once joined the Church and continued a consistent member until his death.

At Barrington, March 19th, Lottie E., beloved daughter of the late Joshua Smith, aged 17 years and 5 most that. "The maid is not dead but sleepeth." At Bear Point, Shelburne Co., of diphtheria,

aged 9 years, March 25th., Mercy Alice, youngest daughter of Richard Gammon. At Newport, March 24th, after a long illness, Ann E. Northup, daughter of Jane and the

At River John, N.S., of consumption, after a lingering illness, two sons of David and Catherine Hind, viz., D. Robertson, on the 17th and Peter G. on the 31st March, aged respectively 28 and 32 years. While the bereaved ones are smitten with great sorrow, they are comforted by the hope that their loved ones are "not lost but gone before."

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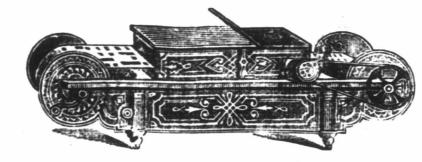
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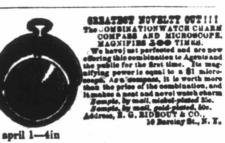
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