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## OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

A WESLEYAN WESLEY.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—A few weeks ago you inserted in the *Wesleyan*, a short article, copied from the *Christian World*, bearing the above title, and making enquiries concerning the Rev. Samuel Wesley, now stationed at Poole in Dorsetshire. As I am residing at Gravesend where Mr. Wesley preached for three years and from which circuit he has just removed, I am in a position to answer the question as to his relation to the founder of Methodism. There is a connection between the families, but it cannot properly be termed a relationship. The Rev. S. Wesley of Poole is a direct descendant of the Rev. John Wesley who once preached at Poole, and who suffered many things in that town for righteousness sake, his remains now resting in an unregarded grave. But the John Wesley of Poole, the worthy ancestor of Samuel Wesley, the present superintendent of the Poole circuit, was brother to the grandfather of John Wesley, the great founder of Methodism, and so the line of descent is not from that branch of the Wesley family. Nevertheless the present S. Wesley, is strikingly like some of the portraits of John Wesley, which adorn the hymn book, is a poet of considerable ability, and is an able and successful preacher of Wesleyan Methodism, and one who may in all honor be written of as a true Wesleyan Wesley.

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS.

London has been for some length of time in all the turmoil of a fiercely contested election. The time for the election of the London School Board has just passed, and it is evident that an attempt was about to be made to elect a set of men opposed to the present policy of the Board, grumblers at the expenditure, resolved upon denouncing the Government, and in all cases the cry of the Establishment was found precipitating in the contest and stirring up the strife. It was determined to destroy the enlarged policy of the Board, and as far as possible or safe to go back to the old system of clerical rule and patronage. It is satisfactory to learn that they have been thoroughly beaten. Their party is now weaker than ever, and some of the prominent men on that side have been ignominiously rejected by the electors, while their ablest men are low down in the lists. It is a crushing defeat, and will go far to sustain School Boards in many other parts of the kingdom where they are being assailed with similar persistence and unrelenting clerical dislike. It will help to prepare the way for the universal establishment of Boards for the oversight of the schools, which look to the Government for aid. The nation has a right to ask for this, and we Methodists, and many of our sincere quite prepared to go in for such a really national system in opposition to the so-called national system of today which leaves the selection of teachers, the government of the schools, and absolute control of the classes, in the hands of the parish clergyman. No school can be maintained in the hands of children are all in their hands, and there is no remedy. A better day is at hand, and recent events inspire to hasten it.

## THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Being somewhat severely criticised and all is not quite so pleasant as upon their first return. A lively controversy has arisen as to the constant distribution of ardent spirits to the men, and the injuries wrought by scurvy and other ailments. The tectonals have the best of the argument for the facts in reference to the abstainers of the party being the most capable of hard endurance and in all cases free from disease, are so unmistakable that objections cannot gainsay them. This has been affirmed again and again by the distinguished Arctic explorers, and the wonder is that the lesson was better learned by the officers of the expedition as many of the painful sufferings stand connected with the regular use of alcohol beverages.

## DECEMBER STORMS.

have prevailed to a sad extent along the coasts, causing great losses of life and property. Heavy falls of rain and the floods in low lying districts, on the whole the recent weather has been decidedly uncomfortable. The winter has been unusually mild, and the fog has prevailed, and a little snow and rain, and a Christmas-tide would be a relief.

## INTENSE ANXIETY.

prevails throughout England as to the result of Lord Salisbury's mission, and the decision of the approaching Conference at Constantinople. His lordship travelled slowly, conferring with distinguished diplomatists and statesmen at the different capitals on his way, but we cannot learn that he obtained sympathy with the views of the Government, and it is believed that England goes to war against Russia in order to prop up Turkey, we shall be absolutely without allies or help from any of the European powers. A few days more, and the tide will turn either for peace, or war with all its disastrous consequences. A very large party in England contend that our Government is wrong in the position it takes, and at this crisis, and with this mighty issue impending, we are a people widely separated by conflicting opinions, and of that fact the Russians are fully aware, and it will influence their councils.  
Dec. 11, 1876. "B."

## CHRISTMAS TREES.

Last Thursday evening was an occasion which will live in the memories, and we were going to say, in the lives, of the children connected with the Methodist Sabbath School in this city. It was the time set apart for the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees which Judge Wilnot, the Superintendent had alone provided for the scholars and teachers, out of the liberality of his heart, and which he dispensed with his own hands. The school room was tastefully festooned with evergreens, and on the wall facing the entrance was a neatly painted scroll with the words, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." As there were over four hundred presents to be given, it was found necessary to erect two trees to hold them all, which were placed one at each end of the platform, while in the centre and between the trees was arranged a frame work for holding a large number of dolls, which the Judge had in special reserve for the little ones of the Infant Class, and directly back against the wall was a cabinet constructed for the purpose, containing a quantity of gilt cones filled with candies of various kinds. With the assistance of a few ladies the trees were beautifully decorated and ornamented by Thursday noon and the presents hung thereon ready for distribution, and during the afternoon a great many persons, including the parents and friends of the children, availed themselves of witnessing a sight which perhaps has never been witnessed before in this Province, and of course with the admiration of every one. In the evening when the wax tapers which had been placed on the trees were lighted they showed to much greater advantage and produced a splendid effect. The presents were all marked with the names of the scholars and teachers, and in the case of the scholars consisted of scarfs, mitts, stockings, ties and other useful articles for children. There were, with toys innumerable, also books, chronicles, &c. &c. Each of the female teachers received a reel stand made by the Judge himself with other things, and the male teachers either books or chronicles. At five o'clock the school assembled in the body of the church and at six marched in classes down into the vestry singing a marching song accompanied by Miss Black on the Melodeon, and Mr. Williamson on the Cornopean. The children having taken their seats, the distribution of presents commenced, which occupied till nearly nine o'clock, when candy was handed around, they having previously been supplied with apples. At intervals between the presentations the scholars sang some very nice pieces out of "Brightest and Best." One of the most interesting features of the evening, was a vote of thanks to Judge Wilnot proposed by Master Bayard Fisher and seconded by Master Brunswick Lemont which was put by the Rev. Mr. McKeown, and carried unanimously by a standing vote. In reply to it, the Judge remarked that it was the smallest vote of thanks he had ever received, while somebody not far away, suggested that perhaps he had never received one that had come out of fuller or more grateful hearts. We do not wonder at all at the Judge's remark, for he was the happiest man in the Dominion. At 9 1/2 the children left for home, pleased and delighted.—Reporter.

## ADVICE TO THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN IN HIS TROUBLE OVER A METHODIST TOMB STONE.

BY THE REV. JOHN BREWER.

Concluded.

On Page 6 and 7, your Lordship supplies John Wesley standing on his father's tombstone once more, and surveying the state of modern Methodism in Epworth, as represented in "A large red brick building, in which a religious sect assembles for worship, which has split off from the Wesleyan,—the sect of the Kilhamites." You ask "Brethren, if your reverend founder, John Wesley, were to rise from his grave, what would his feelings be? What would his language be?" My Lord! you could not have chosen a better subject to put into the mouth of Wesley, to prove the justification of our ordination to administer the Sacraments! He would, on looking upon that Kilhamite chapel, make a most noble defence on our behalf. He would say, "Aye, I see my own people proved faithful long enough. Their desire to obey me was sufficiently tested. Displeased by the Clergy without, rent by schism on the sacramental question, they did perfectly right in ordaining good men and true among themselves. They have kept close to God's work and prevented my people from being scattered among the Dissenters or from falling into apostasy by the clergy." Lordship thought for a moment, and Wesley would have to say to the interview, and I there to see and hear.

But why should your Lordship "dwell among the tombs?" Why so "free among the dead?" I object to Wesley's position on the tomb. He was put there once by the Clergy, and your Lordship inclines to keep him there! But allow me to say, that the loftiest pinnacle of Lincoln majestic Minster is not high enough for a position from whence you, and our venerable founder, may survey Methodism. Come up to Pisgah, My Lord! Pray that "the beam" may not only be "cast out," but that God may give you the clarified and enlarged vision of that Great Law-giver, when he stood by him and shewed him all the land, Cordé up to the Mount, my Lord! See! what light is that in the dreary dwelling on the ice-bound shore of Labrador beneath the base of "Greenland's Icy Mountains." It is the brightness of Gospel, carried by Wesleyan Missionaries. Behold the thousands of the Red Men, in the far west territory of that Western Hemisphere, burning the habetot of war, and smoking the pipe of peace beneath the shade of our Mission. Let your glance sweep over the embry-Empire of Canada; from Newfoundland, east, to Columbia in the west. Rest for a moment, to contemplate Methodism in the young and vigorous Republic of the United States. There, a Conservation Episcopacy and a Liberal Presbytery are happily combined. These two divine forms of administration had long been antagonistic to each other in the Fatherland. Scot and Briton fought over them until the Highland heather was soaked in blood, and the English throne hewn down to a block, and its dynasty changed. But in the hands of Wesley, under baptismal fire from Heaven, the two were fused into one. Long separated, they met at Wesley's command, kissed each other, and then, away o'er country and settlement, over town and city, where the woodman's axe rung on the fisherman's net was cast, or the miner's spade was at work, o'er mountain and prairie, over river and thundring Niagara, by the

England, by the plantations of the South, by island and sounding shore, in the palaces of merchants, and in the huts of the negro, this united pair travelled, and toiled, and prayed, and preached, until seven millions of the most intelligent, the most enterprising, and the most devout of the human family subscribed themselves by the name of Wesleyan.

Turn to the Isles of the Caribbean Sea, where, amid West India plantations, the thousands of emancipated slaves lift up their voices in praise of Him who "breaketh in pieces the oppressor," who sent them help when there was none to hear their cry, by the aid of our brethren, and other kindred churches! Now turn and behold our brethren in other longitudes.

Where Africa's sunny fountains Roll down their golden sands.

There they are! A noble Wesleyan land, who have given to Africa that "Word," compared with which "no mention shall be made of coral or of Gold." See! The Brahmins of India are sitting at our feet! The tea-gardens of China, the gold fields of Australia, and the spicy groves of Ceylon, echo to the melodies of the "sweet Psalmist" of our Israel. Now turn for a moment to the "isles of the sea," long waiting for His law. The John Hunts of your Lordship's diocese have gone down to the lowest depths of our fallen humanity, and have brought up Gambia-Fiji, to plead, through our McArthurs, to be delivered from the man-hunter and kidnapper, and to be placed under the shadow of our throne, from men who would tramp out her gospel, and drive her back to barbarism and death.

Your Lordship seems to desire the return of John Wesley to earth. (Page 6) On the authority of Jesus Christ, I tell you that if Wesley were to rise from the dead you would not be persuaded by him! And moreover let me say that, if he did rise from the dead, such is the state of things in your Lordship's Church, that he would be among you as his Master was in the temple. Some of you would get a flogging! Some of your tables would be overturned. As for the Wesleyans, we of the present generation should have finished our work, and gone off to our reward, before Wesley would have finished his work with you.

It is a sign of advancing knowledge among the Prelates of the English Church to find, from the Pastoral, that your Lordship has endorsed the Wesleyan order of Lay Preachers. This is a striking evidence from your pen that John Wesley outlived his Episcopal prejudices. On Page 5, you state "John Wesley was the founder of an order of Lay Preachers. This was his special work." Or, rather was it not the work of God, in spite of John Wesley? Had it not been for the interposition of God, through the instrumentality of Mrs Wesley, the "noble order of Lay Preachers" would have been crushed, as "the new wine in the cluster." When Thomas Maxfield began to preach, John Wesley was in London, and hastened down to stop him, there were no railroads in those days. The journey from London to Epworth was no light step. But had it been seven fold as long and as arduous, Mr. Wesley's prejudices would have been impetuous sufficient to post him down to put a stop to such "a wicked presumptuous" doing, as it was then deemed against the zealous Maxfield. "I will stop his preaching," said Mr. Wesley; and as he entered the house, that noble successor of the Miriams, the Deborahs, and Hannahs, and the Marys of the Church,—Mrs Wesley—took her son by the hand, and in

you know what my sentiments have been; you cannot suspect me of favouring readily anything of this kind. But take care what you do with respect to that young man! for he is as surely called by God for preach as you are. Examine what have been the fruits of his preaching, and bear him for your self." Watson's Life of Wesley, vol. 5, p. 298. My Lord, I like to stand at the source of a noble river, and step down to drink at the primal spring and then follow its course down dell and dale, by ravine and vale, past frowning rocks, and over fertile meadows, by village and hamlet and lonely cottage, and watch its growth, with the thousand rills, and brooks and rivulets until, like our own beautiful Trent, it is capable of bearing upon its bosom the freights of wealth and defence of war; and then lose itself in the deep blue sea. Blessings for ever on the head of the Mother of John Wesley for putting forth her hand to arrest her son from damming up with his foot that tiny rill which has become a mighty river in our day. It is a credit to your own judgement to find you rejoicing with us in "this river which makes glad the city of God." The "Order of Lay Preachers," may now, from henceforth be numbered with "Holy Orders." It is, without controversy, to be numbered among the most interesting phenomena of Methodism. To see every Lord's Day thousands of our beloved brethren, the Local Preachers, of all classes, from the cottage labourer to the distinguished professor; men of gift, intellect and sweet experience of the love of God; of burning zeal and glowing piety; of unselfish spirit, "taking nothing of the Gentiles;" for the love of Him, whose they are, and whom they serve with their spirit in the blessed Gospel, is a scene which stands unrivalled in any age of the Church's history. And does your Lordship approve of this order of prophets? Trace the history of Local Preachers; note the opposition of the Clergy; their contempt, their rage, their persecutions, against this "Holy Order"; and then quote the notorious resolve of Mr. Wesley to stop the work; and your Lordship will perceive that you have not only no part nor lot in the work, but it affords us imposing evidence of the fact, that John Wesley outlived his Church errors, and died a wise man. I am surprised that your Lordship should quote John Wesley against us, the ordained Ministers of the body, and yet be silent about John Wesley's hostility to the Local Preachers. This discrepancy on the part of your Lordship is to be attributed to the prejudice produced in your own mind by the Romish errors of sacramental efficacy, through Prelatical Ordination. Pluck that "beam out of your own eye;" and you will see clearly the divinity of the Order of Ordained Ministers in Methodism, as the legitimacy of the "Holy Orders of Lay Preachers." John Wesley's mind is as much developed in the former as in the latter; only that his prejudices required a little longer time to wear off, and a little more opposition from the Bishops and Clergy to his great work. Had the Bishops and Clergy of the days of Wesley stepped in and directed the work of God, as you say they ought to have done, Wesleyan Ordination would have had no existence. As it was, the necessity of the case justified the means. It was not therefore surprising, to find your Clergy in bitter opposition to us, for we are a standing evidence to the word at large of the negligence of your fathers. To the world, ours is the ministry of reconciliation, to you it is the ministry of condemnation. Still we rejoice to see signs of penitence in you. But your repentance is not sufficiently genuine; nor does it bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We will pray that you may "go on to know the Lord" more fully. For "he that knoweth God knoweth us, and he that loveth God loveth us also." But if a man say, I love "John Wesley," whom he hath not seen, and yet "dishonour the sons of John," whom he

Carlton Mrs. C. C.

WESLEYAN ALMANAC, JANUARY, 1877.

Last Quarter, 6 day, 10h, 5m, Morning. New Moon, 14 day, 9h, 14m, Morning. First Quarter, 22 day, 11h, 30m, Morning. Full Moon, 29 day, 4h, 25m, Morning.

Table with columns for Day of Week, SUN, MOON, Rises Sets, Rises Sets. Lists days from Monday to Wednesday with corresponding times.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southern gives the time of high water at Portsmouth, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro.

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Returning from the Orient lands of the East, look at Methodism in Europe. Sweden's lamp was dim, and our brethren gave them of our oil, and the light of truth is brightening up.

1. What thinks your Lordship of the invitation now? You have issued a pastoral, inviting our return to you. Have you room for us? Is it not something like this belfry inviting the people, or the pew the church, or the parish the diocese?

better without you in the days of infancy; she can dispense with your presence in the night of her mature age. With his pastoral crook, John Wesley went over the brook alone; but now he is spread into bands. His flock and his herds and little ones have become innumerable.

That you have "need of us" I can readily understand. But, my Lord, could you bear our presence? Would not our "new wine" be apt to "burst your bottle," and "mar" you worse than ever, and we lose our wine also?

Your appeal, on page 4 deserves important notice. You ask "In how many things are we united with you, and you with us? You have the same Bible with ourselves, and in many respects the same Prayer Book. Your Service Book is derived from our Liturgy. We have the same creed, and how many things are we with you, and you with us?"

In these things, my Lord, we are with you, "And why not in all?" you ask; Alas! Painful as is the truth, yet this is not the time to conceal it! And I pray that God may give you strength to bear it. We have the same bible but we differ in our interpretations on most vital points.

My Lord, that great moralist, Dr. Johnson, observes: "Where there is set-aside there may, in time, be virtue." It refreshes me exceedingly to find indications of a virtuous sense in your pastoral. It must have cost you a great effort to make the admission against your own Church, as she was in the days of Wesley. It is also a sign of returning life to hear you, on page 18, say "Let me add, in Christian truth and love, that we ourselves in the Church of England have need of you."

acceptable sacrifice." But what we object to is, that this great Christian truth is perverted by you and some in saying "the regeneration is through our means and through ours only! Neither do we believe that the outward and visible form is absolutely necessary for the inward and spiritual grace."

We have the same "Service Book," from which our Sacramental Service is derived, and the elements of Dying Love commemorated. But what about the Divine Presence, as interpreted by Rome, and still so fondly clung to by the majority of the Anglican Clergy?

We believe in the promise of Divine Presence in the means of grace. It is the interpretation to which we object. It is by faith alone, and not by the uplifted bread, that Jesus is apprehended. We have "the same Prayer Book." But what about "Confession and Absolution"? We do not object to godly admonition and advice to penitent sinners in distress; and we also deem it our duty to point the believing soul to Him who alone can "pardon and absolve all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe His Holy Gospel."

In fact, it is the Romanizing interpretation of doctrine, and the Romanizing tendency of her practice, which bar our union. There are, it is true, my Lord, many of the essentials in which we agree. But we do not like you. For mixed, we should extinguish our kind enquiries after the safety of our property demands reciprocity of feeling. I assure you my Lord, that when the crisis comes, whether the old ship founder amidst the storm, or go down in a calm, "The John Wesley" shall be as near as possible, to drop a boat and render you all the assistance in her power.

And now, my Lord, one word ere we part. While I pen these lines, the melancholy tidings of the untimely death of a noble Prelate fills me with sorrow and dismay. Let me say of him, that England has lost one of her greatest men; the House of Lords one of its most powerful debaters; and the church her greatest politician. Death has suddenly crowded that brilliant intellect, and silenced that sweet voice, which like silvery bells, chimed in wondrous harmony; whether heard on platform or in pulpit. And though I dissented from him in these essential points of our holy religion, yet I sincerely trust that his immortal spirit has, ere now, met with his sainted Father in that bright world above, where the countless thousands of Ethiopia's sable sons, who, when on earth, stretched not out their slave-chained hands in vain; and who, having cast their crowns of glory at the Redeemer's feet, have returned to bless the name of Waterhouse for ever!

meeting is the outward and visible expression of that inward and spiritual grace with which the great Head of the Church endows us so right royally. We are in perfect harmony as a church on this vital point. To invite us, a large, living, peaceful, prosperous brotherhood, to return to you! I must ask, to which sect within your borders must we be joined? Shall we bow down, with Bennet and his disciples, to the Sacramental Host? Or shall we learn to "despise Moses' law," with Colenso? Or shall we go wandering to seek out the few that truly call on God, and "worship Him in spirit and in truth?"

We fully appreciate your Lordship's enquiries relative to our Connexional property. It is immensely large; and I have no doubt but that you have been filled with wonder at the reports of the benevolence of our lay brethren. I do not wonder at your enquiring "May I not venture to enquire whether even in secular respects your present position is secure?" Secure as the Bank of England, my Lord; or as Her Majesty's Three per Cent. Consols! We may venture to suggest that this is not a good time to risk our property on board your state craft. We thank you for the hint! but now the policy of your insurance is high, and we are cautious. A short time ago we saw your ship labouring dreadfully in the storm on the Irish sea. It grieved us much to see so much rich cargo cast overboard, and your Irish crew and passengers put adrift. We "stood off and on" as the sailors say, in our good gallant ship "The John Wesley," well found, well manned, well rigged, and well commanded; but we could not render you any help. To ask us now about the safety of our cargo is not opportune. Signs of a coming storm nearer home are gathering over you. Clouds and darkness are covering the heaven. We hear the first faint roar of a mighty tempest. Your ship does not obey her helm. There is the lee shore of Rome and you are drifting. On the other tack there are breakers, of which we are the angry foam. And worse than that, there is mutiny on board. But as our kind enquiries after the safety of our property demands reciprocity of feeling, I assure you my Lord, that when the crisis comes, whether the old ship founder amidst the storm, or go down in a calm, "The John Wesley" shall be as near as possible, to drop a boat and render you all the assistance in her power.

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I have the honor to be, Your Lordship's obedient servant, JOHN BREWSTER.

LIVING BY GIVING. We extract from what Rev. C. E. Holbrook says in the Baptist Missionary Magazine: "Religion is life, and life will cease without exercise. A Church grows richer by giving its wealth. It grows stronger by the expenditure of its strength, just as the blacksmith's arm is strengthened with every sturdy blow. Show us the Churches that have organized mission bands, and sent forth missionaries to foreign lands, and we will show, by actual statistics, whether they have received constant replenishment of strength. How every new spot reaching into deeper soil, for every branch spreading into clearer light and fuller life."

sunshine, the parent tree has a large and healthier. On the other hand, Churches that have closed their hearts to foreign work have declined in numbers and strength. You will remember that Andrew Fuller saved the Church at Kettering from declension and extinction by enlisting its energies in the foreign field. While they worked for self, the Lord did not work with them. Fifty years ago thirty Baptist Churches in Maryland declared themselves opposed to missions, while two alone took a stand in favor of them. The two increased to thousands, while the anti-mission Churches diminished till they now number only seven or eight persons. Thus the Lord, owner of the vineyard condemns the faithless, seven years after its establishment the Sandwich Island Mission must have broken up and disbanded, had they not extended their sympathies and efforts to embrace others more destitute. Dr. Anderson, in a lecture on 'The Development of Modern Missions,' says, 'It is impossible for mission Churches to reach their highest and truest prosperity without the aid of what is to them a foreign mission.' And it is equally true of our home Churches, that their only salvation from inefficacy and decay lies in a hearty espousal of the cause of missions. Confined within the narrow circle of home sympathies grow weak, energies slacken; love loses its strongest stimulant, unselfish devotion; and faith lacks the sanctification and confirmation which crown the quesnots over barbarism. As the Chinese woman's foot, cramped and confined renders weak and nerveless her whole physical nature, so the dwarfing and narrowing of Christian sympathy and charity enervate the whole character. When ecclesiastical tyranny tried to mould the free thought of the Puritans by ritual and litany, and even to curb the expression by chains and prison walls, it sought a broader field for expansion in the New World; and the remarkable growth of their principles attests God's approval of their exodus to a wider sphere. The Gospel is like leaven; it leavens the whole lump. It is like the mustard-seed, which shall fill the whole earth."

LETTERS have been received from Rev. W. B. Boyce, dated Tues, Nov. 14, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce spent Sunday, Nov. 19, and two or three days following in Jerusalem. They found the air in health, and were to leave Suez for Sney on Dec. 2.

OBITUARY.

PATIENCE RUMSON. There has just passed away to the skies from this circuit, one of the loveliest of God's saints, in the person of sister Patience Rumson. When 38 years of age, or 45 years ago, she heard the Gospel preached here by the Rev. John Haigh. His text was "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Sister R. made choice of Christ, and the object of her choice was dear to her to the last. She never regretted it, but was always commending Him to others. To her Christ was the fairest among ten thousand, and the most lovely, the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valley.

Five years after her conversion she made a leader, and she continued to occupy this office for forty years. During that time, many have been committed to her care, whom she watched as one that must give account. We have no doubt that many have been encouraged, cheered, and kept in the way to heaven by her pious admonitions and examples. Sister Rumson was of a most amiable disposition; there was something so loving about her that you felt as if you were towards her. Her speech was full of with skill. Her manner was winning. Her whole deportment was such as at once showed that she was endeavoring to glorify her Master. Her religious experience was truly an exciting nature. Her joys were not over, but it was always full. Her joy was constant, abiding, and as placid as lake without a ripple upon its waters.

Sister Rumson was a great helper of good men; she would for hours talk such men as Picketant, High, Barr, Ellis, Ellidge, Knight, and others, and we doubt not but that she has remained that friendship in a better land with many of the above. As it was expected, her end was peaceful. She gradually sank, becoming weaker, until the sleeping sleep went out. Her nearest friends, who were watching her, didn't think she was dead, but only asleep. And so she was in Jesus; passed away to her rest to be with Christ, which is far to be desired. Her last words were, "I have great joy in Jesus." She died Nov. 22, 1876, aged 81 years. Her funeral was held at J. Gooden's, Carbonate, Dec. 6, 1876.

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 officers and members were resolutely de-  
 termined so to do, they ought either to  
 resign or be dismissed the service. That  
 the moral strength and beauty of the  
 company did not consist in the number  
 of its camp followers or tinselled uni-  
 forms—but in men having the power of  
 godliness—consecrated men—ready for  
 service or sacrifice. That even real gold  
 is not increased in weight, or currency in  
 value by merely covering a large surface  
 —that too much of the modern Christi-  
 anity was like gold leaf—great show, but  
 very thin. That laxity of discipline had  
 given license to neglect of duty; lowered  
 the standard, and imperilled the church,  
 class-meeting, in some places, had died  
 out. Lodges and socials had most at-  
 traction to many members, and some  
 ministers. That a return to first prin-  
 ciples and self-denying practices was  
 loudly called for, and, if not responded to,  
 all the costly churches, fashionable attire,  
 long trails, gilt jewelry, brass or ebony  
 crosses, pipes and tobacco, &c., would not  
 prevent "leehobd" being written, the  
 glory of our fathers would be given to  
 another people. We must reform: re-  
 move stumbling blocks—throw away the  
 vile weed—discard all pullbacks. Back-  
 sliders were admonished and instructed.  
 The brother spoke solemnly, emphatically  
 and affectionately—his faithful words  
 were well received.  
 The work of personal self-examination  
 was going on; ministers and people seem-  
 ed to be longing for the old paths—re-  
 solving to walk in the good way. The  
 more excellent one of self-sacrificing,  
 humble love, personal holiness, and zealous  
 co-operation are the works of the  
 Lord. The presence of the Most High  
 was felt—see *entrusted His favor*. In the  
 evening of the first day Bro. Pickles  
 preached an effective sermon on the  
 necessity and nature of a Scripture reviv-  
 al. On the evening of the second Bro.  
 Ainley discoursed on the encouragement  
 to expect from such a revival, and its  
 obvious and happy results, from Hosea  
 xiv, 5-7—his words were with power. At  
 the close of both these services members  
 of the church readily declared their pur-  
 pose of renewing their covenant with  
 God by gathering at the communion rail  
 and the spaces around it. On the second  
 night several persons who had for some  
 days been almost persuaded, resolved to  
 become the disciples of Christ, and came  
 forward for prayer. The number of seek-  
 ers increased the third night after a dis-  
 course of uncommon power by Brother  
 Pickles (the other brethren having re-  
 turned to their circuits) on the Uplifted  
 Saviour, and the sinner's life-look. A  
 great work has begun.  
 Nightly, since, meetings have been held.  
 Some souls have found salvation—others  
 are seeking—wanderers are coming home  
 —members have been revived. The meet-  
 ings will be continued. Brethren, pray  
 for us! We will beseech you all up in our  
 requests to the source of gracious power,  
 Let Zion everywhere arise. Let her chil-  
 dren rejoice in their King. He cometh,  
 bringing salvation.  
 P. S.—Other parts of the District are  
 visited with saving power. Bro. J.  
 Tweedy and Bro. Eickles are winning  
 souls to Christ. Other brethren are zeal-  
 ously labouring in hope. We anticipate  
 good news from the W. Armouth District  
 Convention. One of the brethren will re-  
 port to you.  
 Dec. 25th, 1876.  
 PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH,  
 MARGATE CIRCUIT, P. E. I.  
 DEAR EDITOR.—The following news  
 have been received, or promised, since my  
 last visit:  
 Bro. Joseph Sellars, a. m., Hon. G. W.  
 DeBlas, Hon. L. H. Davies, Dora E.  
 Rogers, Benj. Balderson, Robert Morris,  
 Cyrus Merris, James Howard, Thomas  
 Haslain, James Tuplin, five dollars each.  
 Richard Martz, Samuel Howard, ten dol-  
 lars each. A friend, 21. two friends, \$2  
 each. Mrs. Richard Martz kindly gave  
 us a splendid large Bible for the pulpit,  
 and Mrs. Dr. Taylor a hymnbook. Mr.  
 James Hodgson also very generously made  
 and gave the Desk for the platform. Ow-  
 ing to the early frost, the plasterer was  
 prevented from putting the third coat of  
 plaster on. We intend, however, to hold  
 service during this winter. I am very  
 much obliged to you, Mr. Editor, for giv-  
 ing space in your valuable paper for the  
 acknowledgment of monies, &c. And I  
 feel under great obligation to the gener-  
 ous friends who have so nobly helped in  
 this important undertaking.  
 H. J. CLARKE.  
 Digby, Jan. 1, 1877.  
 DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I wish you per-  
 sonally, and in your responsible  
 official capacity, a happy and prosperous  
 year. Though Christmas tree gather-  
 ings are now becoming general with all  
 the Protestant churches of our little town;  
 and all this year have enjoyed a good de-

gree of patronage, I feel that very much  
 credit is due to our Methodist ladies here,  
 for their ingenuity and untiring energy  
 in providing for this annual treat; which  
 came off on the evening of the 26th inst.,  
 supplemented by a smaller gathering, the  
 following evening. Those who know Dig-  
 by Methodism, know that we have a god-  
 ly number of elect ladies, who are well  
 tried, and worthy to be trusted, in their  
 ability and readiness to help the cause—  
 financially and spiritually. We feel that  
 Methodism owes much to their influence.  
 All which may be recorded without any  
 disparagement to the male portion of our  
 church and congregation. As the result  
 of their laudable efforts the sum of \$125  
 has been raised this Christmas, for re-  
 plenishing the parsonage with furniture,  
 to pay off a small debt owing on the cabi-  
 net organ for the use of our Sabbath  
 school, and for other necessary uses.  
 Thanks to the ladies for their work of  
 faith and labor of love, and to the friends  
 who have patronised them.  
 And now we are preparing to unite with  
 the sister churches in the observance of  
 the week of prayer. May the spirit of  
 unity and godly love, be greatly increased  
 and consolidated, and a blessed revival  
 of religion in all the churches be the happy  
 result.  
 E. BERTLE.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.  
 Schr. "Lottie Bell," from Bonne Bay to  
 Gloucester, arrived at North Sydney, Dec.  
 30th, as did the schr. "H. B. Griffin" from  
 Bonne Bay to the same place, and "Louisa  
 N. A.," from Cambellton Mines to Halifax.  
 These vessels report a fearful hurricane at  
 Bonne Bay, Nfld., about ten days ago, the  
 tide rising into, and in some cases over, the  
 houses, doing much damage to shipping and  
 property on shore.  
 A young man named McKay, residing at  
 Scotch Hill, accidentally shot himself with a  
 revolver, while carelessly handling the weap-  
 on on Thursday week. The bullet lodged in  
 his arm, causing a flesh wound, from which  
 the blood flowed profusely. No serious  
 harm was done, however, no bones being  
 broken. Dr. McMillan being summoned,  
 successfully extracted the missile.  
 Now that the Spring Hill and Parrsboro'  
 Railway is approaching completion, another  
 Cumberland railway has been projected. It  
 is to extend from Fugwash harbor to the In-  
 tercolonial, forming a junction at River Philip  
 Station, and may in time be extended to  
 Spring Hill. The "Spring Hill and Fug-  
 wash Railway Company" will be organized  
 at the Victoria Hotel on February 1st.  
 On the 27th ult., a young man named Har-  
 ris, clerk in Messrs. Chipman Bros' hard-  
 ware establishment on Sackville Street, met  
 with a very serious accident. He was in the  
 upper story of the back store very near to  
 an open hatchway. He took a step backward  
 and fell through the hatchway, a distance of  
 about 15 feet. He struck on his head and  
 back, injuring his spine and shaking himself  
 badly. He was taken to his residence in a  
 sleigh, and medical assistance procured. His  
 injuries are of a serious nature and may re-  
 sult fatally.  
 The Allan steamer "Sardinian," which  
 sailed from Halifax early on the morning of  
 the 18th, arrived at Morille on Christmas  
 Day, making the passage in seven days.  
 The express train from Moncton ran into  
 the express train from the North on 26th ult.,  
 at Bartibogue, a station in New Brunswick,  
 between Miramichi and Bathurst. There  
 was not much damage done.  
 On Christmas night a man named McNa-  
 mara, who belonged to Eticton, was found ly-  
 ing dead on the railway track, about three  
 miles south of Athol Station. It is believed  
 that he was killed by the mail train.  
 The new skating and curling rink at Stel-  
 larton was opened on 15th ult. There was  
 a large number of persons present, including  
 numerous visitors from New Glasgow, Pic-  
 ton and Truro. The building is said to be  
 the largest and handsomest of the kind in the  
 Province. Halifax is certainly behind the  
 age in this respect.  
 Mr. Chas. Taylor, barrister, has been ap-  
 pointed Collector of Inland Revenue, at Hal-  
 fax, vice Tupper deceased. It is understood  
 that there were between 60 and 70 applicants  
 for the office.  
 The crew of the brig "John Good," be-  
 fore reported abandoned at sea, and saved  
 by the heroic conduct of Captain Clements,  
 of the steamer "Dominion," arrived at Halifax  
 in the "Edgar Stuart" on Monday 28th Jan-  
 uary.  
 Detective Hunt arrested Robert Rhodes,  
 the alleged railway thief, who was wanted to  
 serve out a vagrancy term in Rockhead.  
 The amiable youth was found at Kingsport,  
 Kings County.  
 The LaHave river is frozen over from  
 Bridgewater nearly to the Alpine Mills. La-  
 Have harbor is open to navigation, and  
 generally remains so the entire winter.  
 NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND  
 During the winter a great quantity of  
 frozen fish has been brought down the Im-  
 perial Railway, from the North Shore, and  
 forwarded to Boston and New York, via the  
 E. & N. A. Railway. There has been on an  
 average one car per day for a month.  
 We regret to announce the very sudden  
 death of Mr. Robert Chapman, of Upper Cov-  
 erdale, Albert County, which occurred on  
 Christmas night. A little before bed-time Mr.  
 Chapman was taken suddenly ill when he  
 hastened to bed, and within three-quarters  
 of an hour was dead. Disease of the heart was  
 supposed to have been the cause of death.  
 Mr. Wm. Hale's lumber party, in Carleton  
 County, killed a bear weighing 450 lbs. a  
 fortnight ago.  
 A Montreal paper of Monday last says:  
 "A large congregation assembled in Chal-  
 surer's Church last night, on the occasion of  
 the farewell sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr.  
 Mitchell, prior to his leaving for St. John,  
 N. B., to assume the pastoral charge of St.  
 Andrew's Church in that city."  
 The tenders for the construction of the  
 Deep Water Railway Terminus, at St. John,  
 have been opened. Mr. Crowe, of Pictou,  
 sends in the lowest tender, about \$173,000.  
 In case of any refusal on Mr. Crowe's part to  
 comply with the terms of the tender and con-  
 tract, Mr. J. T. Kennedy of Portland will  
 likely receive the next offer.  
 A course of lectures has been arranged un-  
 der the auspices of Prince of Wales Lodge,  
 B. T., to be held in the Methodist Church,  
 Smith Creek, King's Co. Prof. Foster, of  
 Fredericton, delivered the first one January  
 3rd.  
 The President and directors of the Sussex  
 Boot and Shoe Company presented each one  
 of their employees, on Saturday afternoon,  
 the 23rd ult., with a fine goose or turkey.  
 Acts like these go far to strengthen the good  
 feeling that ought to exist between employer  
 and employee.  
 A Rumor is current in Queensbury that a  
 man named Hart, belonging to Nackawick,  
 was burned to death in Moor's lumber camp,  
 Aroostook River, last week. The rumor  
 goes to say that the lumber party, of which  
 Hart was a member, was drinking, and that  
 an altercation arose which ended in throwing  
 Hart in the fire. The authorities have ar-  
 rested six of the parties.  
 Six brothers named Magee, living in Albert  
 county, can claim a chromo for being tall.  
 Their united height is forty-two feet. Where  
 is there another family that can beat this?  
 The St. John Weekly Herald, issued from  
 the office of Messrs. Kane & Co., has just  
 made its appearance. It is devoted to tem-  
 perance and kindred topics. The Herald pre-  
 sents a neat appearance, and we wish it much  
 success.  
 "J. Walter Scammell" from New  
 York for Queenstown, before reported aban-  
 doned and subsequently taken to St. Pierre  
 (Miquelon), lay in the roads at the latter  
 place Dec. 28, waterlogged, but will probably  
 repair and proceed.  
 The Hon. Robert Young and the Hon. Mr.  
 Crawford acting on behalf of the Government,  
 have been looking into the accounts of the  
 Clerk of the Peace and investigating also  
 certain charges against Mr. Sylvain Herbert,  
 a French magistrate. The result of these  
 enquiries will not, we suppose, be known for  
 some time.  
 Mr. E. Sewell, builder of the "Northern  
 Light," is not satisfied with the result of her  
 recent attempt to cross the Straits, and has  
 telegraphed to the Premier, asking leave to  
 take immediate possession of the vessel with  
 a chosen crew, so as to carry out his promises  
 in regard to winter navigation.  
 On Saturday night week a man by the name  
 of Angus Gillis, belonging to a settlement be-  
 yond Kensington P. E. I., while on his way  
 home was frozen to death on the road. He  
 started out from Wm. Tuplin's, the old  
 corrier for Margate, and when about half way  
 between these two places the sad occurrence  
 took place. He was found the next morning  
 a short distance from his sleigh, lying in the  
 snow, with his cap and mittens off. His body  
 was conveyed to Mr. Reuben Tuplin's, Mar-  
 gate.  
 In the storm of Saturday night last, a son  
 of Mr. James Yeo, Lot 16, P. E. I., a lad about  
 twelve years old, on his way home from a  
 shoemaker's in Grand River, got his horse  
 down in a snow bank. He managed to get  
 the horse up but as he was alone and the  
 horse being cold and nervous, he got clear of  
 him in some way. The boy at once took the  
 situation in. Nose by was a bush in which he  
 took refuge. He was afraid to venture out  
 from his place of shelter during  
 the night, and there he remained until day-  
 light, keeping the frost from his person as best  
 he could. As soon as the dawn broke he  
 made for the nearest house, which was Mr.  
 Hector McLean's, Lot 16, and when he ar-  
 rived there he was so numb with cold that  
 he was unable to speak. His feet and hands  
 were both badly frozen.

MISCELLANEOUS.  
 A movement is on foot in Boston to estab-  
 lish a line of Glasgow steamships at that port,  
 and one Canada firm of grain and produce  
 dealers propose to furnish freight enough to  
 load a first class vessel once a fortnight.  
 A broken rail near Bellefontaine, Ohio,  
 threw a passenger train from the track, 25th  
 ult., wounding thirty persons, some fatally.  
 Oil tanks burst at Oil City, Pa., Christmas  
 Day. \$200,000 worth of property was de-  
 stroyed.  
 Russian steamers have ceased running on  
 the Black Sea.  
 The steamship Britannic ran from New  
 York to Queenstown in 7 days and 13 hours,  
 the quickest run on record.  
 Sad accounts of disasters to shipping dur-  
 ing the recent storms continue. Many ad-  
 ditional wrecks are reported on the Scotch  
 coast. In several cases all hands were lost.  
 Two unknown vessels, one of 1,000 tons, dis-  
 appeared off Arboath, supposed to have found-  
 ered.  
 It is estimated that 250 men and 130 ves-  
 sels were lost in the recent storm on the En-  
 glish and Scotch coast.  
 President Grant, in reply to a press inter-  
 viewer, said he was not afraid of an armed  
 collision in connection with the Presidency,  
 no matter what the fears of others. It seem-  
 ed to him the people desired only a fair con-  
 test in the Southern contested States, in order  
 to be satisfied of the result.  
 The city of Tokio, Japan, was visited by a  
 great conflagration. Loss \$1,000,000. Sixty-  
 five streets and five thousand houses were  
 burned, and fifty lives lost.  
 A cargo of munitions of war, valued at  
 over a million of dollars, left New Haven,  
 28th ult., for Turkey.  
 The ship Harvey Mills was burned at Port  
 Royal with six thousand bales of cotton.  
 It is reported that Otis D. Swan, residing  
 near New York, has absconded with upwards  
 of \$150,000 trust funds belonging to the fam-  
 ilies of his brothers and sisters. It is believed  
 he has gone Etourpe by way of some East-  
 ern port.  
 The Russian army is reported in a very  
 bad condition, decimated by marsh fever and  
 typhus.  
 The cold has reached 30 degrees in South-  
 ern Russia, and it is almost impossible to  
 move troops in such a temperature.  
 E. W. Barnes, telegraph manager at New  
 Orleans, is under arrest to appear at the Bar  
 of the House at Washington on a charge of  
 contempt for refusing the demand for des-  
 patches.  
 The British Lords of the Admiralty have  
 at last directed that the iron troopship Ad-  
 venture is to be broken up. This will be the  
 first iron vessel that has been broken up at  
 Chatham yard. The Adventure was purchased  
 during the Russian war, and has been much  
 service.  
 The "Gazette" contains the announcement  
 that Her Majesty in Council on Tuesday, de-  
 clared the Duke of Marlborough, K. G.,  
 Lieutenant-General and General Governor  
 of that part of the United Kingdom called  
 Ireland.  
 It is officially announced in the "Gazette"  
 that Her Majesty has signified her commands  
 that a medal be granted to all persons, of  
 every rank and class, who were serving on  
 board the Alert and Discovery during the  
 Arctic Expedition, and on board the yacht  
 Pandora in her voyage to the Arctic regions  
 in 1875.  
 Sir. Bartle Frere, Bart., G.C.S.I., K.C.B.,  
 is to succeed Sir Henry Barkly as Governor  
 of the Cape of Good Hope in February next.  
 The English team of cricketers, which a  
 short time ago left for Australia, has arrived  
 and played their first match against Adelaide  
 eleven. The English eleven won.

UPPER PROVINCES.

Mr. F. Gauthier, formerly of the Marine  
 and Fisheries Department, has been appoint-  
 ed secretary and aide-de-camp to the Hon.  
 Letellier de St. Just, Lieut-Governor of Que-  
 bec.  
 A telegram from Quebec says the greatest  
 difficulty experienced so far in running the  
 Intercolonial train is not so much from snow  
 drifts as from the accumulation of solid ice  
 on the rails in the valleys, caused by the rise  
 of water on the surface through the ground,  
 which, singular to say, is not yet frozen.  
 The Toronto City Council are preparing a  
 grand reception for the Governor-General.  
 It is announced that the Judicial Commit-  
 tee of the Imperial Privy Council has decided  
 that no appeal shall be made, judgments of  
 election cases in Quebec, under the existing  
 law.  
 Nine bodies of girls, burned to death in the  
 Joliette Convent, Christmas night, have been  
 recovered. Four are still missing.  
 In the Montreal Academy of Music, Dec.  
 25th, on the presentation of the Christmas  
 piece, "The Naid Queen," a panic ensued  
 owing to the falling of a piece of ornamenta-  
 tion of the gallery. Some one raised the cry  
 of "fire," when a scene which beggars de-  
 scription. No one was injured, and the  
 building shows no appearance of anything  
 having occurred to warrant the stampede.  
 The President of the Montreal open Stock  
 Exchange has issued a circular prohibiting  
 members from carrying on margining stocks,  
 shares, or other security for any cashier, ac-  
 countant, teller, book-keeper, or other em-  
 ploye in any incorporated company or mer-  
 cantile house, when such cashier, accountant,  
 teller, book-keeper or other employe holds  
 position of trust, or one where it is usual for  
 him to give security for the faithful discharge  
 of his duties.  
 A strike among the engine drivers on the  
 Grand Trunk Railway, has caused consider-  
 able delay and annoyance during the past  
 week in regard to the mails.  
 The firm of Valois & Co., Montreal, who  
 called their creditors together, have accom-  
 modation paper out to the amount of \$70,000.  
 Sir Hugh Allan has been elected President  
 of the Newfoundland and Canada Sailing  
 Company; John Bank, Vice-President. The  
 reports presented were satisfactory.  
 Rev. W. Mitchell, E. A., lecturer in sac-  
 red rhetoric and elocution, in the Presby-  
 terian college of Montreal, is to give his class  
 a farewell dinner before leaving for the Low-  
 er Provinces.  
 Adam Hope, of Hamilton, Ont., has been  
 appointed Senator.  
 The demand for fish sent from the Mari-  
 time Provinces via the Intercolonial Railway,  
 is largely increasing in Ottawa.  
 The first section of the North Shore Rail-  
 way, East from Quebec, was opened for traf-  
 fic on the second of January.  
 The Toronto City Council has decided to  
 give a simple reception to Lord Dufferin,  
 No banquet or ball.

Passmore was accustomed to meet with  
 his members for edification, for fellowship,  
 for testimony and for sympathy. They  
 met often together, and spoke one to an-  
 other, and a book of remembrance was  
 kept. Often doubtless they anticipated an-  
 other meeting, when together they sang—  
 And if our fellowship below,  
 In Jesus be so sweet;  
 What heights of rapture shall we know,  
 When round his throne we meet.  
 Bro. Passmore, though somewhat reticent  
 in relation to experiences of spiritual life,  
 is said to have been firm and stable in re-  
 ligious character. "A good man, full of  
 faith and of the Holy Ghost." For nine  
 years he filled the important and respon-  
 sible position of the superintendent of the  
 Sunday school. A large Bible presented  
 by officers and teachers, upon his retire-  
 ment, in recognition of valued services, is  
 now looked upon by his family as a treas-  
 ured memento. Through much suffering  
 towards the close of his life our departed  
 brother maintained almost uninterrupted  
 serenity of mind and of trust in God.  
 Never did he appear more hopeful than  
 when I last saw him a fortnight before his  
 death. His departure was sudden, to his  
 friends; but to himself a blessed release.  
 "I am on the shore," he said, "waiting  
 for the boatmen." On the Sunday even-  
 ing when the congregation was met here  
 for worship, his spirit took its flight to  
 that blest land—  
 "Where congregations never break up  
 And Sabbaths have no end."  
 ELIZABETH AVARD BOYER  
 who a week ago, in the 87th year of her  
 age, entered into rest, was the daughter  
 of Mr. Avard, one of the earliest local  
 preachers in this island—and sister to the  
 Rev. Adam Clarke Avard. Their history  
 therefore dates back to the  
 BEGINNING OF METHODISM IN PRINCE  
 EDWARD ISLAND.  
 In 1780, nearly a century ago, John  
 Wesley in one of his evangelistic tours,  
 through difficult roads and drifting snow,  
 reached Inverness in Scotland; and found  
 that the way had been prepared, by two  
 brothers John and William Chapel, who,  
 night after night, "met the people for  
 singing and prayer." Benjamin Chapel,  
 whose name thus finds honorable record  
 in the journal of our venerable founder,  
 had the honor, it is said, to be the first  
 Methodist in this island—at that time  
 called the island of St. John's.  
 In the fall of the year 1783, at the ear-  
 nest and repeated requests of Benjamin  
 Chapel, the Rev. Wm. Black, the apostle  
 of Methodism in the Lower Provinces,  
 visited the island. He stayed a fortnight  
 mostly in Charlottetown; but no serious  
 or permanent impression seems to have  
 been made.  
 In 1784 Mr. Black again visited Prince  
 Edward Island, and with more cheering  
 tokens of good, especially at Tryon. At  
 Charlottetown a class had been organized  
 under the leadership of Mr. Joshua New-  
 ton, Collector of Customs, and met regu-  
 larly in the house of Mr. Chapel. That  
 class was the nucleus of the present  
 church. The only place of worship in  
 town, if I am not mistaken was the Court  
 House, used also as an Episcopal church;  
 and in that church Mr. Black preached.  
 At this time he seems to have been cor-  
 dially welcomed and listened to by all  
 classes of society. Governor Fanning ex-  
 pressed much friendship. He offered if a  
 mission were established to contribute to-  
 wards the erection of a chapel. It was  
 some years after, however, before the first  
 Methodist edifice was erected in Charlottes-  
 town. It occupied a place in the rear of  
 the London House. It was never quite  
 completed, but there are still clinging  
 around it many precious memories. It  
 was the scene of Rev. John Hick's suc-  
 cessful ministry. The names of Chapel,  
 Croys and Avard—of the two brothers  
 Desbriay, of Annabella McNutt, grand-  
 daughter of Chief Justice Steward, and  
 afterwards the exemplary wife of John  
 Morris, Esq., and others were once asso-  
 ciated with that primitive sanctuary.  
 In 1801, just three quarters of a cen-  
 tury ago, Mr. Dawson, father of the pre-  
 sent venerable Thomas Dawson, came to  
 Prince Edward's Island. He had been  
 paymaster of a British regiment, then  
 disbanded; and he resolved to seek a  
 home in this land. He was now in the  
 prime of life. Converted to God in Ire-  
 land, he had subsequently maintained fer-  
 vor of spirit and consistency of character.  
 For three or four years he labored on this  
 island as an evangelist. At that time,  
 with the exception of Rector Desbriay,  
 he was probably the only preacher; and  
 the only messenger of the cross by whom  
 the sparse settlements were visited. Pos-  
 sessed a vigorous constitution and the  
 heroism of the early pioneers, he was ac-  
 customed in his errands of mercy to tra-  
 verse the unbroken roads—with only a  
 pocket compass to guide him to his desti-  
 nation. To the cold and exhaustion of  
 one of those wilderness journeys his  
 strength succumbed; and thus early his  
 course was finished. He departed happy  
 in God, full of faith, and love and joy.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.  
 Charlottetown, Sunday Eve., Dec. 17, 1876  
 The following paper was read in the  
 Methodist church, Charlottetown, by the  
 pastor, the Rev. J. LATHERN, on the eve-  
 ning of Sunday, the 17th of Dec., being  
 a brief notice of the early history of Metho-  
 dism in that town; and a tribute to the  
 memory of two esteemed official members  
 of the Methodist Church—Mr. John Pass-  
 more—who died on Sunday evening the  
 26th of November, and Mrs. Boyer, who  
 died on Sunday morning, the 10th of Dec.  
 "Justified through faith alone,  
 Here they knew their sins forgiven;  
 Here they laid their burden down,  
 Hallelu'd and made meet for heaven."  
 When about twenty years of age, at his  
 native place, Biddeford, England, our late  
 honored and esteemed Bro. JOHN PAS-  
 SMORE, was converted to God; and for two  
 or three years before leaving home acted  
 with great acceptance as a local preacher.  
 Forty years ago, with many others from  
 that part of England, he decided to seek  
 a home on this island. From the time of  
 his arrival in Charlottetown, where he was  
 welcomed by the Rev. Richard Knight,  
 as well as a stranger but as a brother beloved,  
 until weakened by bodily infirmities, he  
 continued most faithfully and efficiently  
 to labor as a local preacher; and was al-  
 ways welcomed by the congregations and  
 communities around as a devoted mes-  
 senger of the cross. He was accustomed  
 in the vigor of his life, not only to preach  
 on the Sabbath day, but in the circuits  
 adjacent, to render reasonable and suc-  
 cessful aid in "times of special service." It  
 has been most refreshing to receive testi-  
 monies from several ministers, in rela-  
 tion to his cheerful co-operation and im-  
 pressive ministrations during those revival  
 efforts. Doubtless, as the result, many  
 saved souls will shine as stars in the crown  
 of his rejoicing. As class-leader, Bro.

Carleton Mrs C C



CHILDREN'S CORNER.

LITTLE BY LITTLE.

"Little by little," the torrent said, As it swept along its narrow bed, Chaining its wrath and pride. "Little by little," and "day by day," And with every wave it bore away A grain of sand from the banks which lay Like granite walls on either side.

ABOUT BABIES.

Where did you come from, baby dear? "Out of the every where into here," Where did you get your eyes so blue? "Out of the sky as I came through." Where did you get that little tear? "I found it waiting when I got here." What makes your cheek like a warm white rose? "I saw something better than any one knows."

THE KING AND THE STABLE-BOY.

During the visit of George the Third to the royal stables, a boy belonging to one of the grooms took his attention. There is no accounting for fancies; but there was something about the boy that won his royal master's favor, and the King treated him kindly in many ways. But a time of temptation came, and the poor lad fell into disgrace; he had stolen some oats from the royal bins, and being detected, the head groom discharged him. The fact that he was noticed by the King may have aroused the envy and dislike of others, and it may be that the occasion was gladly seized by the groom to have him turned away. There seemed to be no idea of speaking to the poor lad about the wickedness of taking the oats, and abusing the confidence of his master, but only a determination to treat him as he deserved.

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only taken what was not his own, but abused the confidence reposed in him. "Well my lad," said his Majesty, putting his hand kindly upon the boy's head, "I forgive you." Then turning to the head groom, said, "Let the boy have his former place, and let him be cared for." What a thrill of joy did the lad's heart feel as the King uttered those three words, "I forgive you." Instead of being ordered off to prison, and punished and disgraced, he was restored to favour and restored to the place he had lost. What gladness this gave the boy's heart. It seemed almost too good to be true. But who could dispute it? The King himself had forgiven him, and then the highest judge in the land had not a word to say against it; he was a guilty one, but now was forgiven, and that by the King himself.

As his Majesty was leaving, he turned round, looking steadfastly at the boy, and in the hearing of the grooms and servants about him, said, "If any one says a word to you about those oats, tell me!" Now this was a double assurance to the boy. Not only was he forgiven, and that publicly, but not a word was to be said to him about his past sin—it was to be forgotten. Who would incur the royal displeasure by telling the boy of his fault? This act of grace had a greater effect upon the boy than any punishment would have had. How, after such kindness and forgiveness, could he wrong so gracious a master, who had so deeply interested himself on his behalf? Nay, rather would it call forth devotedness of heart in his service, and a fear of grieving him any more. I think this a beautiful illustration of divine grace, and a little picture of God's gracious ways with us. How blessed to know that He who sees and reads all the motives of our hearts, and their inmost desires, is the one who loves us, and who is more deeply interested in us than King George was in the boy; who desires our salvation, and who, knowing how guilty we are, only desires us to confess our guilt, and all is forgiven!

A CHILD'S IDEA OF PRAYER.

JENNIE LEE, who was only four years old, no sooner saw work laid aside than she ran to her mother's knee and claimed a seat there. Mrs. Lee lifted her to her lap, and went on busily thinking of her duties and cares, while she rocked herself and Jennie to and fro. For a while Jennie amused herself very quietly by winding a string in out through her fingers; but presently she began talking to herself in a low tone.

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Smith's Bible Dictionary, Farrar's Dictionary, Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature, Stanley's Sinai and Palestine, Thompson's Land and Book, Conybeare & Howson's Life and Epistles of Paul, Werners's New Testament Grammar, Trench's Synonyms of New Testament, Lange on Genesis, Alexander on Isaiah, Stuart on Proverbs, Delitzsch on Job, Lange on New Testament, Tholuck on the Sermon on the Mount, Trench on the Parables, Trench on the Miracles.

THEOLOGY.

Jope's Theology, Watson's Institutes, Fernley Lectures, Trefry's Sonship of Christ, Butler's Analogy, Chalmers's Natural Theology, Fairbairn's Typology of the Scriptures, McCosh on the Method of the Divine Government, Rawlinson's Historical Evidence, Liddon's Bampton Lectures on the Divinity of Christ, Farrar's History of Free Thought, Bushnell's Nature and Supernatural, Young's Christ of History, B. Fay's Smith's Prophecy a Preparation for Christ, Euseb. Dec. 24/25

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Noah Porter's Human Intellect, Hamilton's Metaphysics, McCosh's Defense of Fundamental Truth, Wayland's Elements of Moral Philosophy.

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A SENSATION IN MORMONISM.—Joseph Smith, whose father, of the same name, was one of the founders of the Mormon Church, is reported to have greatly disturbed the orthodox Mormons by preaching a sermon at Salt Lake City on Sunday, December 3, in which he very strongly condemned polygamy. He denied that his father had ever preached or practiced polygamy, and said that "the sign which his father gave the Church had departed, and that Church now was without a sign; but if Mormonism would return to the pure doctrine the sign would come back, and they could heal the sick and restore the blind."

PREACHER'S PLAN, HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH, SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Location, Preacher. Includes entries for 11 a.m. at Brunswick St., Grafton St., Kaye St., and 7 p.m. at Brunswick St., Grafton St., Kaye St., and Dartmouth.

Receipts for "WESLEYAN" for week ending Jan 3rd, 1877.

Table listing names and amounts of subscribers. Includes names like Mrs. E. Brette, Rev. Geo. Harrison, Wm. C. Clark, etc.

MARRIED.

At Bridgewater, Nov. 7th, by the Rev. J. Cassidy, Mr. James Cunningham, of Greenfield, Queens Co., to Araminta Faulkner, of Chelsea, Lunenburg County. On Nov. 13th, by the same, Charles P. Donahoe, to Charlotte Ann McLean, both of Pleasant River.

On the 19th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Sumner St., by Rev. C. W. Hamilton, Mr. J. E. Davies (formerly of Nova Scotia), to Miss M. L. Henry, second daughter of Edw. Henry, Esq., of Granville, P. E. I.

At the residence of the bride's father, Pictou, Dec. 28th, by the Rev. Cranwick Jost, A. M., Mr. Robert A., eldest son of J. A. Dawson, Esq., M. P., to Maggie A., daughter of James Fraser, Esq.

At the residence of the bride's father, Kingston, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. James A. Duke, Mr. Thomas Girvan, to Miss Bessie Kirkland.

At Village Dale, Barrington, Nov. 8th, by Rev. F. H. W. Pickle, Mr. Freeman Purdy, of Village Dale, and Miss Rachel Holden, of Yarmouth.

At Barrington, Dec. 5th, by the same, Mr. James Nichol, of Clyde, and Miss Isabella King, of North East Harbor.

At Barrington, Dec. 23rd, by the same, Mr. Adam Hamilton, of Carlton Hill, and Miss Malinda Snow, of Village Dale, Barrington.

At Barrington, Dec. 28, by the same, Mr. Edw. Nickerson, of Woods Harbor, and Miss Taunton Watt, of Barrington.

At Barrington, Dec. 28th, by Rev. W. Downey, Mr. Chas. Smith, of Barrington, and Miss Mary Watt, of the same place.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Nashua, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. R. W. Hildit, Mr. William Humphrey, and Mrs. Catherine Murray, both of Nashua, N. B.

At the Methodist Parsonage, New Germany, by the Rev. A. Hockin, on the 28th Dec., James A. Veinot, of Bridgewater, and Emma L. Moore, of New Germany.

At the residence of the bride's father, New Germany, on the 23rd Dec., by the Rev. A. Hockin, Theophilus G. Mack, of Dalhousie East, Kings Co., and Samantha A. Moore, youngest daughter of Samuel Moore, of New Germany.

At Clairmont, Cumberland Co., on the 25th Dec., 1876, by Rev. Joseph Hale, Mr. William O'Brien, to Miss Martha Ann Dickeson.

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