

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1872.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS OF THE CANADIAN METHODIST CHURCH.

We have before us an interesting volume entitled, "Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada," containing 240 pages of instructive matter. From this volume we learn that the Missionary spirit makes itself powerfully felt in the bosom of our Canadian sister Church. The Report refers to operations conducted during the year ending June, 1872. We gather from this document that the Society with whose transactions it deals is placed under the management of a General Committee comprising the President, the Vice President and the Secretary of the Conference, two General Secretaries, two Treasurers, and seventy-six other gentlemen, half of whom belong to the laity.

The income of the Society for the year referred to amounted the handsome sum of \$94,016.28. Of this amount there were obtained from

Subscriptions and Collections on Circuits and Missions, \$74,839.65
Laymen offerings, 14,443.12
Jugends, 603.82
Miscellaneous, 1,274.78

From the Indian Department and other sources there were obtained some \$2,900 additional. The number of contributions of twenty-five dollars and upwards was one hundred and fourteen. The highest contribution was \$750 from the Hudson's Bay Company. The next highest was \$650 from a wealthy Toronto Methodist, and the next \$600 from a munificent Montreal friend. Three subscriptions were for \$300 each, one of them from a resident in the state of Oregon.

The total income for the year was in advance of that of last year by \$10,397.25. The total expenditure for the year was \$6,305.82 less than the income.

The work of the Society is carried on over a wide area, though as yet it comprises no purely foreign missions. But the Society has missions in Manitoba, in the Saskatchewan region, on the Pacific slope, in Vancouver's Island, among the Indians of Ontario and Quebec, and among Canadian Germans and French. It has also a large number of Domestic Missions to English speaking people in Ontario and Quebec.

Even a rapid glance at the report before us enables us to perceive that the labours of the Society have upon the whole been crowned with some gratifying measure of success. In some localities operated in, the soil has not proved very fruitful; but in many others rich results have been gathered, and the future is full of promise.

The Red River missions are exceedingly important. They are accomplishing a good work. In a few years time they will be developed into vigorous self-sustaining circuits. The Saskatchewan Missions have done much good, are doing much good, and will continue to do so. Their operations have been conducted mainly among Indian races, evidently doomed to pass away before the white man's advance in force. But they have been instrumental in bringing large numbers of these races to the feet of the Lord Jesus, and inducing them to seek a title to a better country—an inheritance of which they cannot be deprived.

The missions on the Pacific coast were undertaken at a seasonable period. They have been carried on amid numerous discouragements. They have been crowned with a very considerable degree of success. They form the nucleus of what will prove to be at no distant day a noble powerful Christian cause in British Columbia.

Yet we have not been saved from humiliation. The Methodist parental heart has been sorely distressed at times for its children. It is a proud but grateful boast that the Wallace Quarterly Meeting has been the scene of the infliction of witnessing one of its sons under the lash of Conference discipline. Perhaps they have deserved chastisement like other men; but God has mercifully retained the rod in His own hands.

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There was another peculiarity on the Wallace Circuit: there was a special aim at calling out the Church's strength. The cry for help brought forth a special service under the Minister's side. Very rarely, even in first-class city circuits, have we ever seen anything to compare in this respect with Wallace as it was fifteen years ago.

How we have grieved sometimes to see the Churches yielding back their own privileges of holy work and corresponding vitality into the hands of their increasing Ministry! And how we have sorrowed over the decline in our Local Preachers' ranks! If our people could but see that our Local Preachers must be chiefly dependent for Ministerial supply, they would not be quite so fastidious in regard to an occasional grammatical blunder, or an exceptional idiosyncrasy in their production of the ordained class.

It is not surprising that this energetic and ever-growing Society should have determined to celebrate in some fitting manner its jubilee during the year commencing the 28th of August 1873. It will, we doubt not, perform this agreeable duty in a manner worthy the work it has raised up to accomplish.

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THE OLD BANNER CIRCUIT.

It deserves a written history, for surely its actual record is, so far as this country is concerned, quite unparalleled. A newspaper article can do it but scant justice, and even this should emanate from a distinguished writer, for our paragraphs will assume a warm colouring, as is natural in the circumstances, though the world may almost doubt their verity.

Within a radius of twelve miles, taking Wallace as the centre, Methodism has produced sixteen ministers during the last quarter of a century. Ten of these are in constant connection, one of the number having superannuated at last Conference; two are on probation, and two are pursuing their studies. Two others are in the American work, beyond the border.

We have had the curiosity to ascertain the average years of our Conference, as it appears that the ministers in full work, numbering 159, have served on an average ten and a half years per man, or an aggregate of 1714 years. We are inclined to the opinion that this is considerably below the average of Ministerial service on this Continent; the recent extraordinary increase in Candidates has given us an uncommon ratio of average calculation. Yet there is something decidedly unique in the average of the Wallace contingent. The ten in full connexion have served 156 years, or 15 1/2 per man. There has been no instance of death among the number since the beginning.

Only in our case has a case of Superannuation, and then, it is mistaken not, only for a single year. They have not been pampered by fortune, or nurtured with special care by the Stationing Committee. In the roughest of our itinerancy, doing good and constant services among backward populations, and in charges where numbers and funds largely upon the preacher's life they have moved on, scarcely a step faltering, no gap opening in the ranks. Like other ordinary human beings, they have been variously constituted. The man of broad chest, compact frame and robust constitution; the lithe, nimble, active youth; the hale, sunny, aldermanic gentleman; the stalwart, stevedore Saul among the Prophets;—these Wallace has brought to the front. But it has also furnished some material which any recruiting Sergeant would have rejected with scorn, save, perhaps, when soldiers were few, and the enemy thundering at the gates. Yet they have advanced courageously, and gathered strength with advancing years, and the wholesome discipline of hard work and small rations. To what cause shall this be attributed? To a special Providence, or the pure air of Northumberland Straits, or the effects of climate on forefathers, or all these combined?

So much for the physical qualities of the Wallace contingent; what of the moral? Taking everything into consideration, our history as a Conference has been less successful than might well have been anticipated. The experiment of a native ministry is always more or less hazardous. From the thorough, disciplinary training of established circuits in England, we go out into the wilderness of a nation, at which noble and unfeeling ranks with the experience and courage of veterans. Born and educated in the atmosphere of Methodism, they are imbued with principles of loyalty to their doctrines and subjection to their superiors. Add to this the self-restraint engendered by British apprenticeships, aged and experienced men, who are not salaried, and you have a mission which is not only difficult, but it is not difficult to understand how candidates in the mother land, who come up from the operative classes, may be steady, subordinate men. But in all new countries, youth is apt to move with loose reins; and so exceptional irregularity of conduct, regularity of habit in an hour, where a previous life time has been at fault. In the hands of our Great Master-builder, the material of our ministry, has been admirably fashioned. Where flaws have appeared or flakes have fallen from the general mass, the thoughtful observer will admire the more, how graceful after all is the superstructure.

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A NOVA SCOTIA SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ABROAD.

It is no small cause for satisfaction and gratitude when our countrymen who have gone to distant lands, attain to positions of usefulness and even honor in the land of their adoption. The accompanying notice is copied from the *Barratist Evening Post*, (Australia), of August 14th, 1872. The gentleman to whom it refers, Joseph A. Doane, Esq., was formerly Circuit Steward and Sabbath School Superintendent on the Barrington Circuit; it is now twenty years ago, settled in Barratist where it was nothing but a collection of digger's tents surrounded by the forest, became one of the principal architects and builders of that rising town, was one of its first Mayors after it was incorporated, and, as will be seen below, is the leading mind in what is now perhaps one of the largest and most successful Sunday Schools in Methodism.

The following is the extract: "The bringing together of a large number of the past and present teachers and scholars of the Lydiard Street Wesleyan Sabbath School, was successfully accomplished last evening, and resulted in a most enjoyable evening being spent by all. At the termination of the first part of the programme, Mr. James Campbell, in a highly complimentary speech, alluded to Mr. Doane's long and happy connection with the school as Superintendent, for a period of nineteen years, during which time he had never been absent other than from a determined resistance, we nevertheless go to labor, and it need be, to suffer, to win the whole continent for freedom and for Christ—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

In this spirit we desire to prosecute the enlarging work of evangelizing the Spanish-speaking millions lying south of our nation, a work alike demanded in the interests of liberty and true religion on our hemisphere. "A great and effectual door" is opened to us, and while "there are many adversaries" to offer a determined resistance, we nevertheless go to labor, and it need be, to suffer, to win the whole continent for freedom and for Christ—N. Y. Christian Advocate.

The following are the Receipts and Expenditures of the Barratist Street Mission from June, 1872:—

June 2—Donation H. P. B.,	Ca.
" 14 " " " "	\$3 00
July 6 " " " "	50 00
Aug. 6 " " " "	20 00
" 26 " " " "	50 00
Oct. 21 " " " "	1 00
" 15 " " " "	30 00
Sabbath collections,	81.68
	\$284.68

THE FLETCHER PRIZE.

The will of the late Hon. Richard Fletcher, of Boston, by which Dartmouth College is made his residuary legatee, provides for a special fund to be under the care of the trustees of the said college, from the avails of which they are to offer biennially a prize of five hundred dollars for the best essay on the subject indicated in the following extract from the will:

In view of the numerous and powerful influences, constantly active in drawing professional Christians into fatal conformity with the world, both in spirit and practice; in view also of the fact that of the Christian world, until the present time, with its upwards of 800 teachers and scholars.

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DEATH OF A PROMINENT WESLEYAN LAYMAN.

John Chubb, Esq., one of the oldest lay members of the British Wesleyan Missionary Society, and one of the most devoted, generous, and highly esteemed Methodist laymen in London, died October 30, aged nearly fifty-seven. His end was peacefully sudden. On the 20th ult., he attended divine worship as usual at Mostyn-Road Chapel, presenting his infant child for baptism along with those of two other members of the congregation. When the sacrament had been administered, he and the other parents retired to the vestry for a short time. There he was seized with paralysis. He afterwards seemed slightly to improve, and for a time hopes of his recovery were entertained; but disease regained its ascendancy, and he quietly passed away.

Many distinguished ministers, including several from other churches, attended his funeral, which was held on October 30, delivered an address and offered prayer. The *London Watchman* says: "No one present can ever forget the pathos and power of either the one or the other. He dwelt with deep emotion on his close personal knowledge of the deceased, from his boyhood to his death. He spoke with fond enthusiasm on the wonderful combination of unbending integrity and sympathetic benevolence in Mr. Chubb's character, both of which, he said, sprung out of a consciousness of the love of God," which as he knew from frequent spiritual intercourse—was the prevailing element in Mr. Chubb's experience.

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In response to our request to Dr. Butler to furnish us with his views of the present movement, he has sent us the following note, as his views of the case, which we cheerfully insert:

We think that the time has come for this advanced movement. The Methodist Church has stood by the American and Foreign Christian Union to the present hour, but seeing of late, that the Baptist, Congregational, and Presbyterian Churches have entered Mexico denominationally, we feel that we should no longer hesitate, but push forward and maintain our full share of duty and labor for the evangelization of that great country and the nations which lie beyond it and speak its language.

At the same time, we are resolved to avoid all interference with the great and precious work now being accomplished in that land by the Christian Union, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Riley. We go in as fellow-workers, with the purpose of doing our part of the work in an unsectarian and kindly spirit as may be possible to us, seeking to save the people without offensively obtruding upon them those foreign and denominational aspects about which they are so sensitive, and with an appreciation of the successful means and

CHRIST-LIKE SPIRIT BY WHICH SO MANY SOULS HAVE LATELY BEEN WON FOR CHRIST IN THIS LAND.

It is a satisfaction to us to assure our people that in forming our plans we have had the opportunity of taking counsel with the man who, probably of all others, is best qualified by experience and labor, to advise in this important movement. Dr. Riley providentially happened to be in New York during the meeting of our Committee. His kindly Christian character was sought. Under the altered circumstances, he cheerfully acquiesced in our entering without hesitation and in strength. He generally offered to aid us there in every practicable way, feeling assured, as he expressed it, that we would help his work while he assisted ours, and that we would both work together in harmony to lift up poor degraded and priest-ridden Mexico.

The annual subscriptions from the members of the Methodist Church hitherto devoted chiefly to the support of Dr. Riley's work will, we trust, be continued to it by the generous donors. These contributions will be collected hereafter at a trading expense by arrangements just made by the Committee of the Christian Union, and which are entirely satisfactory to Dr. Riley. My personal services can thus be spared with but little detriment to that good cause.

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FROM CHICAGO—PINCHING TIMES.

These are pinching times in the West. Think of the plight of the farmer who at the end of his season's work hauls his crops a dozen miles to market and then gets only a shilling a bushel for shell corn and eight cents a bushel for oats! A whole load will not buy a pair of cowhide boots. But that is better than many farmers in Iowa are doing this fall. In such circumstances, of course, they realize less than the actual cost of production, and must find where they can make the money to pay taxes, buy tools, and make improvements. And out this way, when the farmer shivers, every one else must button up his coat. Crops are large this year, and this is one of the sad things about it. It takes just as much work to handle a load of corn when it is fifteen cents a bushel as when it is fifty. Another trouble is the lack of transportation facilities to the seaboard. People wonder at the plans now being urged, and do not see how they can pay. They do not realize that the mere increase in the business, and particularly in the products of this developing West in a single year is almost enough to keep an extra railroad to the seaboard markets busy to its best. And so long as there is more freight to be moved than the trains and the boats can carry, they will charge all they can get. Vessels plying between Chicago and Buffalo have in many instances yielded their owners net profits

THIS SEASON EQUAL TO HALF THEIR COST. CORN WHICH BRINGS THE FARMER BUT FIFTEEN CENTS A BUSHEL IN ILLINOIS SELLS IN NEW YORK FOR SIXTY-FIVE, THE DIFFERENCE BEING CHIEFLY SWALLOWED UP IN TRANSPORTATION CHARGES.

But while the through routes are doing a prosperous business—for despatch lines and sleeping-car companies, if not for stockholders—it does not follow as a matter of course that the numerous new railroads which are grinding every State in the West and whose bonds are offered at such seductive rates of interest in every newspaper, will step right into a paying business. Let those who buy railroad bonds save a good part of their money for other investments. They may be very glad of it some time. Doubtless routes so enriched by government grants as the Northern Pacific offer a secure investment, but multitudes of these shorter lines, especially these which cut the great routes of travel and traffic at right angles cannot more than pay their running expenses, for years. There seems to be a general feeling just now for building new railroads—very much such a one as prevailed before the great crash of 1857. The great advance in the price of iron is doubtless chiefly due to this immense increase in the demand of the railroads for rails and rolling stock. The washerwoman in the far corners of the country pays fifty-five per cent more for her new flat-irons on account of it.—*Christian Union*.

WORKMEN FROM THE RAILROAD BURIED TO THE SCENE, WELL-KNOWING THAT HAD HAPPENED. THEY FOUND TERRY AND DONOLLY WITH THEIR CLOTHING STRIPPED FROM THEIR BODIES, LYING ABOUT TWO HUNDRED FEET FROM THE SCENE, AND IN THE GRASSING IN A GYRE. DONOLLY'S BODY WAS BADLY LACERATED. HIS LEGS AND ONE ARM WERE BROKEN, HIS BODY WAS BLACK AND BLUE, AND ONE EYE WAS GONE. HE WAS MORALLY UNDEAD. TERRY WAS PARALYZED AND WAS PROBABLY DEAD. HE IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR.

When the smoke had cleared away search was made for Hill and Gallagher. Hill's body was blown to atoms. His entrails were suspended from the limbs of a tree five hundred feet away. Other parts of the body were scattered about the scene. Gallagher's body was blown into so many particles as Hill's was perfectly unrecognizable. Even his boots had been torn to atoms and scattered among the debris. The body, minus the arms and head, lay about fifty feet from the legs. The scalp and face were perfectly intact. The arms were found in another place. The skull is still missing.

CONSTRUCTION IN WESTMINSTER.

Capt. Mangie, of the Yorks police was soon on the spot, and took charge of the wounded men. They were sent to St. John's Riverside Hospital. Donnelly is insensible and will not recover. Terry was so badly injured he gave a full and detailed account of the explosion last night. Coroner Smith arrived in the afternoon from Hastings, and began preparations for the coroner's jury.

The excitement in Yorks, and in fact throughout the entire neighbourhood, was terrific. All sorts of conjectures were advanced to the explosion. Some insisted that Hill had been blown by an earthquake. The superstition fell on their knees in prayer. The irreverent trembled with fear, but everybody anxiously inquired what the matter was. "Danger" fell at her feet, and she fainted on the spot.

APPELLING ACCIDENT.—A despatch from Collingwood, Ont., Nov. 27 to the St. John's "Telegraph" says that a most lamentable fatal accident occurred on Monday to eight members of the Canada Pacific surveying party who were all drowned. They were attempting to land in a small boat from the Proprietor's Island, and were blown ashore on a reef between Collingwood and Thorburn on Tuesday night last. It appears that the unfortunate party were on the boat when a heavy breaker, the wind blowing a gale at the time. Three of the men were hanging on to the boat for nearly an hour by those on board the propeller who, unfortunately were unable to assist them. The names of the drowned are John G. Stephens and Robert Blyth, of Owen Sound, Chadwick Taylor and Caldwell of Murdoch's surveying party, Alexander Cameron, and others of the crew whose names were not known.

The new ocean steamer "Prince Edward," built in England for a Prince Edward Island company, arrived at Charlottetown on Tuesday, and was met by the post-office boat, the "Herald" says, "portet down to the wharf to welcome to our port the first ocean steamer intended for regular service between this Colony and Europe, and doubtless to greet her as being solely owned by a company of enterprising merchants of our city." She made the passage in 14 days, and proved a good sea-keeper. Her dimensions are: length 260 ft., beam 32 ft., hold, 238 ft., tonnage, 1944 tons, classed A 1 at Lloyd's, being the highest class.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The "Royal Gazette" announces the following appointments:—Antigonish County: to constitute a Board of Health at Pomquet—John McDonald, M. P. P., John McDonald, John Aynes, J. Boun, A. Chisholm, and A. Melanson. Richmond County: to constitute a Board of Health for the Main Land in said County—D. N. Shaw and W. Byrmer, L. A. Dore; Hector Murdoch, Grand River; Kenneth McLeod, Loch Lomond; and the ex-sic, Burgess; Duncan Cameron, John Morrison and R. G. Morrison, St. Peter's. Cumberland County: to be Justices of the Peace—Thompson J. Copp and Hiram Ferguson. Halifax: To be a Notary Public—T. A. Inglis Harrington, Esquire, of Halifax.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—The "Truro" "Sun" says: "On Friday week last a young man named McDonald, a native of Pictou, who for some months past has been employed at the Acadia Iron Mines, in this county, in the capacity of engine driver, was very seriously injured by being caught in the machinery while oiling it. His right arm was torn and bruised in such a manner as to cause its loss below the elbow. He also received internal injuries, but is slowly recovering.

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION.—Mr. Hutton acknowledges with thanks the following contributions:—Mrs. G. C. Lawrence, Port Hood, C.B. \$4.00; Mr. John Ryan, Kaye St., Halifax, 1.00; Primitive Church, New Glasgow, annual collection, per Peter A. McGregor, Esq., 86.60; Archibald Kidston, Esq., New Glasgow, 2.00; Joseph Hart, Esq., Baddeck, 10.00; giving \$111.30.

While working in his saw mill, at Argyle, on the 14th inst., Captain Watson had two fingers cut off and two others injured by contact with the circular saw. Mr. Sylvine Muse, of Morris Island, had two fingers blown off, and the hand otherwise injured by the bursting of his gun.

On the 23rd inst., while returning home in a boat from a shooting excursion, in company with his father and brother, a young man named John Hammond, of Jordan Ferry, Shelburne Co., was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun. He was drawn into the gun from under a coat in the boat, when the piece went off, lodging the shot in his breast.

WOLVES.—The *Fredericton Express* has been seeing of these dangerous animals having been seen near the head of the Nashua and on the Miramichi roads. A traveller on the road last week saw a pack of seven, and another pack still larger has since been observed.

It is stated that Mr. Tilley has appointed Mr. Chas. V. Bliss, son of the late Rev. C. P. Bliss, as his Private Secretary.

REBOLLY.—Brayley's drug store, Fredericton, was broken into early on Thursday morning, and the till robbed, but as the burglar got very little for his trouble, they will probably not repeat the operation.

FIRE.—The hallway house between Fredericton and Woodstock was destroyed by fire the other day. The barn, which was full of hay and grain, was also consumed. The occupier of the premises—Mr. John Day—had no insurance, and has been quite impoverished by the occurrence.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—On Tuesday afternoon a fatal accident occurred at a quarry near AnLaac Station, on the Intercolonial Railway, by which one man named Charles Carter, was instantly killed, and two others seriously injured, one a Frenchman, having his leg badly broken. The men were engaged in raising a huge stone by means of a large block and tackle, but as the block fell, crushing Carter, who died almost instantly. Carter was a young man about 28 years of age, and belongs to Westmorland Point, AnLaac Station is three miles from Sackville, and the quarry where the accident occurred is on Fowler's Mill, about 800 yards from the station.

SAN CASE OF DEATH.

Sunday week a man named Murray was towing a raft with a man on it, down the rapid of the Tobique, near the junction of the St. John, the raft being in a position with the man on it, and he was swept by the current from the back of the horse on which he was riding, and sank ashore, but the man on the raft was rescued, and recovered the man's body. His body was buried in the morning, and the man on the raft was rescued, and recovered the man's body. His body was buried in the morning, and the man on the raft was rescued, and recovered the man's body.

MANITOWA.—From the St. John's and other gentlemen from the New Brunswick, who have been there for some time, we learn that there has been there a season of great prosperity. There has been an extraordinary amount of business, and a very large trade done in various commodities. The merchants have been very successful, and the people are well supplied with goods. The weather has been very pleasant, and the crops are well advanced. The people are very happy, and the country is in a state of great prosperity.

THE SHERIFF.—A Tea Soiree, under the auspices of the Lower Cove Wesleyan Mission, was held in their school room, Carmichael street. After a sumptuous dinner, the ladies, who were dressed in the most elegant style, took the chair, and the literary programme, consisting of speeches, music, recitations, etc., commenced. Mr. Potts, Dominion Emigration Agent, presided, and was most successful in his remarks, and notwithstanding the bad weather, all seemed to enjoy themselves.

THE MONEY LETTER that was mailed at Sussex, by Mr. J. Moore Hallett, on the 10th of September, ought not to be accounted for. It was addressed to Messrs. Stephens & Figures; it was received by the Postmaster of Sussex and sent to the Post Office at the clerk of the post office. Such a letter should be accounted for, and with or without the signature of Mr. Hallett, it is the duty of the Post Office to see that it is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed, and not to do so, the Department should be held to account for the letter committed to its care.—*St. John's Telegraph*.

FINANCES OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC seem to be in a highly healthy condition. The total receipts for the year are reported to be \$1,746,459.54 which added to the surplus balance from last year of \$659,085.33 gives a total of \$2,405,544.87. The expenditure was \$1,725,685.23, leaving a balance of \$679,859.64, showing a steady increase of its surplus.

An indulgent Kansas parent sold his cooking-stove for eleven dollars in order to take his fourteen children to the States. He says he can't come two or three times a year, besides, he had never such a cook on the stove anyhow.

STORM AT ST. JOHN.—A gale of great violence, causing considerable damage, prevailed on Friday, N. B., during the night and Saturday morning. During

THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

The Conference would give expression to its sense of the high importance to all the interests of our Church, that our Connexional Organ, the PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN, be well sustained in its career of usefulness, and earnestly resolves to employ the utmost effort to render this indispensable instrumentality as efficient as possible...

We copy the above resolution from the published minutes of our late Conference, held in this city in June last; and we wish to call attention to it as our warrant for the special appeal which we now make on behalf of this paper.

The resolution intimates first; that it was, in the deliberate judgment of the Conference, regarded as a matter of high importance to all the interests of our Connexional Organ, that our Connexional Organ, the Provincial Wesleyan, should be well sustained in its career of usefulness; and secondly that the Conference "earnestly resolved to employ the utmost effort to render this indispensable instrumentality as efficient as possible by enlarging its sphere as widely as possible in every Circuit."

This if it means anything binds, we suppose, every member of the Conference to put forth his utmost effort this year to increase the circulation of the paper; and as one half of the Conference year has already well passed, we take the liberty of reminding our brethren that this utmost effort should be at once made.

An examination of our order book seems to show that this effort has as yet commenced on only a few, and that it surely has not been completed on any one of the one hundred and thirty-eight Circuits and missions of the Conference; for we find that the new names added to the lists of subscribers since the 1st of July have scarcely more than sufficed to fill up the vacancies caused by discontinuances.

We suppose that the early winter is generally regarded as the most favorable time to prosecute successfully although canvass for new subscribers; and that, therefore, most of the members of the Conference have been waiting for the arrival of this most favorable time in which to make the pledged utmost effort. But this time will now very soon be gone and the effort should now be commenced and continued until it is certain that there is no possibility of further enlarging the sphere of our Connexional Organ in any Circuit or mission.

If the resolution is faithfully carried out the number of subscribers will undoubtedly be increased on every Circuit. If the solemnly recorded determination is properly embodied in honest, earnest action the number of subscribers in many circuits will be more than doubled.

One of the very few who were beginning the effort last month, a preacher on trial, laboring on one of our Home Missions, who has already sent the names of six new subscribers with the advance payments for each, says:

"I think I will have other new subscribers before the canvass that I could so soon succeed in getting five new subscribers for the Wesleyan, but I have learned that a great deal can be done when faithful efforts are made. I think that the circulation of the paper would be far more extensive if the proper efforts were put forth by its agents. I feel determined to do what I can for it."

There are, we are confident, more than a hundred more promising fields in the Conference for a canvass than the one in which this good brother is making his utmost effort; and if we could hope that all others would do as well as he is doing, we should assuredly count upon adding at least a thousand new names to our lists for the new volume which begins with the new year.

Now, then for a general united utmost effort all along the line on every Circuit and mission throughout the Conference!

We will send the numbers of the paper for this year published after the advance payment for next year is made, to all new subscribers free.

We will give a copy of Foster's CYCLOPEDIA OF ILLUSTRATIONS, (either prose or poetry,) to any person who will send ten dollars as advance payment for new subscribers before the 1st of February next.

Or we will allow to all our agents a premium of twenty-five per cent., payable in Books of General Stock, not including Sabbath-school or Hymn Books or Bibles, at our marked prices, on all advance payments made by them for New Subscribers before the 1st of March next.

Agents making payments after the 1st of March will be entitled only to Commission as for payments on account of Old Subscribers. We trust that the Brethren, while pressing the canvass for new subscribers, will not neglect the duty of collecting all sums due from old subscribers, both arrears and advance payments. We shall be glad to receive frequent reports from each agent during the ensuing month or two.

Every subscriber making a payment either directly to the Office or indirectly through our Agent, should look for an acknowledgment in the WESLEYAN within a month at the latest after such payment.

All monies sent to the Office by Mail should be in Post Office Money Order or in Registered Letters. Money sent otherwise must be considered at the risk of the person sending it.

EDITORIAL NOTES, &c.

1. We have received from the Proprietors, Messrs. McAlpine and Barnes, a copy of Belcher's Almanac for 1873. This Annual is so well known throughout Nova Scotia to need any introduction or commendation. All who are interested in this sort of literature, (and who is not?) will hasten to provide themselves with this in order to be ready for the rapidly approaching New Year.

"Birdie's Song," a very pretty little Nocturne by J. C. Doolin; this will be much admired and eagerly practiced by young scholars of but two or three years who want a piece of music that is popular in the drawing room.

We would call special attention to the following, suitable for the festive time now so near. Angels from the Realm of glory," solo and quartette for Christmas, Music by F. Vassia, arranged, and adapted to English words by R. C. W.

"Hark! the Herald Angels sing," Anthem for Christmas, by Henry Wilson. This is a very beautiful anthem and will give greater power of endurance to the brain. They only wear it out by over-stimulation. Dr. Baxter's Chalybeate supplies an element which is absolutely necessary to the life of the body, and which element is often lessened by disease, over-work, anxiety, toil, &c.

4. We happen to know that the Book Steward will be very much pleased to receive remittances from any and all persons indebted to either the Book Room or the Wesleyan Office. Money is just now much wanted.

5. HOME MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS IN HALIFAX.—Sermons are to be preached, and collections taken up on behalf of the Home Missionary Society in the Wesleyan Churches of Halifax on Sabbath next. The Anniversary Meetings are to be held on following evenings throughout the week, commencing in the Grafton Street Church on Monday evening the 9th inst. We would earnestly bespeak for these most important services general attention and liberal consideration.

RECEIPTS FOR PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.

To December 31st, 1872. From Mrs. Dr. Fraser, 1.00 Z. Townsend, 1.00 Rev. W. W. Weddell, 1.00 W. S. Fisher, 2.00 Mrs. W. K. Hamilton, 1.00 Rev. J. F. Betts, 1.00 Rev. G. W. Drew, 1.00 Jephtha Elderkin, 2.00 self, 1.50 P. A. Donkin, 1.00 Geo. Colpitts, 2.00 Thos. Dodsworth, 3.00

From Rev. H. J. Clarke, S. Kilham, June 2.00

Parents lessen your Shoe bills two-thirds by buying only CABLE SCREW WIRE fastened Boots and Shoes. Never rip or leak.

All genuine goods bear the Patent Stamp. Oct. 30-1 m.

MARRIAGES.

On the 19th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Waterville, Kings County, by Rev. John A. Addy, Israel Ford, of Clements Fort, Annapolis Co., to Emma Marie, eldest daughter of R. H. Pisco, Esq.

On the 20th ult., by the Rev. John Waterhouse, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wm. Treisman, Mr. Francis W. Beharrel, to Miss Lucy J. Treisman, both of Annapolis Road.

On the 28th of Nov., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. H. Pope, assisted by Rev. M. M. Carey, M. S., St. C. McLean, Esq., to Mary Amelia, second daughter of J. C. Hatcher, Esq., M. D.

On the 29th of Nov., at Cassad, Cornwallis, on the 20th of November, Mr. James Brown, to Miss Sarah Jane Franklin, all of the above named place.

In Reading, Mass., Oct. 1st, by Rev. Dr. Barrows, Mr. Robert Bowser, formerly of Sackville, N. B., to Miss Mary F. Badger.

Nov. 26th, by the Rev. John Read, at the residence of A. King, Esq., Malgrave Terrace, Mr. James J. Bigby, to Libby Hisey, of Windsor.

Nov. 26th, at Rockland, by the Rev. R. A. Temple, Mr. John C. Gunn, of Rockland, Westmoreland Co., to Miss Mary Hume, of Pugwash, Cumberland Co., N.S.

Deaths.

At Dartmouth, Nov. 25th, Catherine A. Bigby, relict of the late Robert F. Bigby, aged 83 years.

On the 26th of Nov., at the residence of her son, Wm. McElbain, Pitt-street, St. John, N. B., Margaret, relict of the late James McElbain, formerly of St. Stephen.

In Charlottetown, on Thursday morning, Nov. 7th, at his residence after a short illness, Mr. Watson Duchenham, aged 76 years.

Shipping News.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED. Nov 26—str Hester, Sheen, London; briggs Daisy, Essex, Mayaguez; Louisa, Haves, Jamaica; Iris, Martell, Pictou; schrs Candor, s/wine, Boston; Ella, Bonnell, Newell; C. H. Jones, do; H. B. Lewis, Godfrey, Bras d'Or; Amazeur, Ledwell, P. E. I.; Harriet, Perry, Clyde River; Mountaineer, Chatham, Margaron; Dolphin, Chatham, do; Messenger, Chatham, do; May, Farrell, Glace Bay; L. Hart, Hutchinson, Pictou; Agnorita, Dickson, Cow Bay.

Nov 27—schrs Jessie, Tobin, Newell; Nimble, Larder, do; Margaret, Wentzell, LaHave; J. & J. Locke, Sumner, Lockport; Jonathan, Anson, do; Plover, LeBlanc, 12 1/2; Commodore, Mahone Bay; Iris, LeMarchant, Cow Bay; St Hubert, Fougere, Cow Bay.

Nov 28—strs Chase, Bennett, Portland; briggs Eagle, Greenwood, New York; Thos Albert, Forest, Ingon; schrs Hatley, Gloucester, A. Wales, Hines, Newell; Annie F. Messervy, do; Laura, McFarlane, do; A. C. Brown, Harst, do; Henrietta, China, do; Isabel, Osgood, do; Lillian, Pictou, P. E. I.; Elizabeth, Boston, do; Eastern Star, do; Mary Mac, Millan, do; Lord Bury, Giffin, do; E. Russell, Isaac Harbor; Trial, Bond, Chester; J. Parry, Sheburne; Lismore, Burgess, Gabarus; Zula, Covey, LaHave; Union, LeBlanc, Arichat; Laveria, LeBlanc, do; British Pearl, Hadley, Gygisborough; Westchester, Erskine, P. E. I.; Elizabeth, Bushy, River-Bourgeois; Angelle, do; Resene, Cal, Pictou; J. Ois, McKinnon, Port, Margrave; Magde, LeBlanc, do; Fanny, Hall, Cow Bay; Nina, Teal, Port Medway; Island Gem, Giffin, Glace Bay; J. Morton, Wilson, Turks Islands; Minnow, Drew, Petite Riviere; Plant, Lawler, Burgess, Gabarus; Vic, Mowser, Lunenburg.

Nov 29—strs Belicia, Heblsch, Hemburg; bgt Catherine, Darnon, Pictou; schrs Hero, Wat, P. E. I.; Charles, Lanning, do; Barbara, Lohrer, Cow Bay; Harriet, Boudrot, do; Enrica, McPherson, North Sydney; Jane, Richard, Cow Bay; Rose, Graham, Sydney; Four Brothers, LeBlanc, Pictou; Report, Fataker, Jeddore; Apt, Corkum, LaHave; The Girl I Love, Bell, do; J. L. Vogler, Smith, do; Harriet, Mahone Bay; Emily, do; Harriet, Mahone Bay, Arichat.

Nov 30—strs Austrian, Richardson, Baltimore; Alabama, Wright, Charlottetown; brig Arthur, Johnson, Turks Islands; schrs Hannah, Benoit, P. E. I.; Oswald, do; Edwin & Eva, Hood, do; Wave, LeBlanc, do; Fanny, Hall, Cow Bay; Nina, Brothers, LaHave; Franklin, Myers, Glace Bay; Sarah, Doyle, Port Hood; Sea Flower, Doucette, Margrave, Hydre, P. E. I.

Dec 1—briggs Comrade, Doane, Jamaica; Fortuna, McConnel, Porto Rico. Dec 2—strs Rogalia, Pictou; Acadia, Wilson, do; Charlotte, Portland; brig Storm King, McIntosh, Turks Islands; schrs I. Rich, Bryant, Salem; Gazelle, P. E. I.; Margaret, do; Archat, Boudrot, Chatham; Sea Queen, Mahone Bay; Decaptris, Boone Bay; Trial, Chester.

Dec 3—strs Carvita, (Am), Mulligan, Portland; schrs Henry LeBlanc, Rivory, Boston; Sheburne, Walters, Sheburne; Curlew, Gardiner, Liverpool N. S.; A. la Mode, Himmelman, do; Adeline, Crowell, Barrington; Ris, Demings, Pictou.

Nov 27—brig Model, Ni kerson, Ponce, P. R.; schrs: smiling Water, Glace, LaHave; J. H. Hiltz, Hiltz, Mahone Bay; Vivace, Rowley, LaHave; Laura Belle, Glickstein, Bridgewater; Emily Jane, Murphy, Ship Harbor.

Nov 28—schrs Marlene, Dakin, Boston via Massachusetts; Aggie, Goube, Cape Canso; Sea Nymph, Murdoch, Sherbrooke; Golden West, Zwickler, LaHave; Enslin, Goube, Chester; Yan, Morine, Port Medway; Richard Simons, Glenville, Ship Harbor; Opal, Phillip, Cape Canso.

Nov 29—strs, Silegia, Heblsch, New York; Malta, McKay, Liverpool; Chase, Bennett, Portland; brig Elsie, Lovagrove, 27 Indes; schrs Native, Burke, Sydney; Dusky Lake, Roberts, Cape Canso; Herald, Murphy, Ship Harbor; Asot, Rivory, Port Medway; Aler, Hasser, Bridgewater; Echo, Lohrer, Lunenburg.

Dec 2—R. M. B. Alpha, Shaw, Bermuda; schrs: Harriet, Ferris, Arichat; Mary Stephens, Ferris, do; Maria Myers, Cape Canso; Dolphin, Delaney, Arichat; Emily, Mosher, Mahone Bay.

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Wesleyan Book Room No. 198 ARGYLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

The following is but a partial list of the latest books which have been added to our stock within the past month.

Angus Bible Hand Book, Ashworth's Scripture Tales—2nd series, within the past month. Foster's Cyclopaedia of Illustrations—Prose, Poetry, Land of Veda, Steven's History of Methodism—Vol. Smith's, Christian Theology, by Rev. Dr. Cooke, Dr. Cooke on the Deity, Discourses Illustrative of Sacred Truths, by Rev. Wm. Cooke, D.D., Bibles Cyclopaedia of Illustrations, Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, These, and many books suitable for presents to the Young and Sabbath School Libraries, added to the former stock of Standard Religious Works constitute a variety from which the Librarian, Sabbath School, Christian Families and Ministers may be enriched. Particulars ordered and received from both England and the United States. dec 5

WELLAND CANAL ENLARGEMENT. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Welland Canal," will be received at this office until noon of Friday the 10th day of January next (1873), for the construction of Nine (9) Locks, and (9) Weirages, excavation of the Lock and Weir Pits, connected with them—their intervening Races, Race-ways, &c., on the new portion of the Welland Canal, between Thorold and Port Dalhousie.

The work will be let in sections; four of which numbered respectively 9, 10, and 11, are situated between St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie, and Western Railway, a 4 Sections Nos. 15 and 16 are situated between Bruce's Cement Kilns, and what is known as Marlett's Pond.

Tenders will be received for certain portions of the enlargement and deepening of the prism of the Canal above Port Robinson, and for the removal of part of the West bank of the "Deep Cut," &c., &c.

Maps with the several localities, together with Plans and Specifications of the works, can be seen at this office on and after Friday the 19th day of December next, where printed forms of Tender will be furnished. A like class of information relative to the works north of Marlett's Pond, may be obtained at the resident Engineer's Office, Thorold, and for works south of Albionburg, Plans, &c. may be seen at the resident Engineer's Office, Welland.

All Tenders must be made on the printed form, and each may be attached the action of signature of two responsible and solvent persons, residents of the Dominion, willing to be sureties for the fulfilment of the contract.

This Department does not however bid itself to accept the lowest of any Tender. By Order, F. BRANT, Secretary, Department of Public Works, (Ottawa, 22nd Nov. 1872) dec 5

THE largest and cheapest stock of OVERCOATS, REEFERS, SNOW COATS, UNDERSHIRTS, AND DRAWERS, Is to be found at the BEE HIVE, 207 Upper Water, cor. Jacob street.

CUSTOMERS DEPARTMENT. Ottawa, Nov. 15, 1872. ANTIQUARIAN discount on American Novels and all further notice: 18 s. cent. R. S. M. BOUCHETTE, Commissioner of Customs. nov 27-11a

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From the far-off fields of earthly toil, A goodly host, they come, And sounds of music are on the ear;

We've seen those faces in days of yore, When the dust was on their brow, And the scolding tear upon their cheek;

There's a mystery of soul-chastened joy, Lit up with smiles and tears, Like morning-dew on the grass,

One had climbed the rugged mountain side— Was a bleak and wintry day— The tempest had scattered his precious seed,

And one, he had tilled 'mid burning sands When the scorching sun was high; He had grasped the plow with a fevered hand,

Some with eager step went boldly forth, Broad-casting o'er the land; Some watered the scarcely budding blade

But there rose from her lonely couch of pain The fervent, pleading prayer. She looks on many a radiant brother,

THE MAN WHO FOUND HIS FRIEND. I do not shame To tell you what I was, since my conversion

One cold day in winter, as Mr. S., a distinguished professional gentleman of one of our New England cities, was setting in his elegant office, he was surprised by the apparition of a lean, seedy-looking individual in front of his desk,

That gentleman, however, with his habitual friendliness, took the thin hand which he held out; but to the question, "Don't you know me?" he was obliged to answer with a shake of the head.

Then followed a moment's scrutiny of the stranger's eyes and features, half hidden in the ragged beard, and suddenly a gleam of recollection came to him, "Bless my soul!" he exclaimed, "is any other uniform I should say it was Hal Ransom?"

Mr. S. was confounded. Here was an old schoolmate whom he had left fifteen years before in the height of his vigor, health, and beauty, now standing before him a tattered vagabond.

Western city, (the same situation in which his old friend had lost his health and lost it by his own folly. The place which was not without peculiar temptations, as no "first-class" fashionable dry-goods store ever is, and though he had risen to a position of confidence and responsibility, he had gradually allowed a secret

relief for questionable gaieties to get the mastery of him. One Saturday evening, after being fasted off, he sat he planned, with several rather fast acquaintances to visit the theater and "make a night of it." The reckless programme was carried out to the letter. After the theater, he and his companions took a turn through the dance saloon and other low houses, "seeing life;" but during this round of lawless adventure Ransom suddenly lost himself, and knew no more till he awoke next morning, with his pocket empty, and the bars of a station-house cell between him and liberty.

Grace was now inevitable, and the exposure which followed completely crushed his spirit. Beseeching the charitable offer of a menial place which his offended employers still held out to him, he left the city as he was, penniless and purposeless, his only impulse a blind resolution to put as wide a distance as possible between himself and scenes of old recollection. Shame forbade him even to bid his mother farewell, and made him anxious only to escape her eye.

From that time he had led the life of a homeless fugitive, working a little now and then to keep himself from starvation. He could have found steady employment, but a morbid self-consciousness made him timid and secretive, and suspicious of every one who looked at him; and so he wandered on from place to place, without knowing what he wanted, and scarcely caring what became of him. Providence directed his feet to the city where our story begins, and here he began to feel some

fraternal desire and hope of doing something to relieve himself. But he was poor and alone, and knew not which way to turn. He found his way to the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, but when he arrived there, he was still too sensitive to make any direct application for assistance, and after sitting awhile in the reading room unnoticed, he went into the street again. In the course of his wanderings he stumbled upon the name and address of Mr. S., and believing that he recognized in it the familiar friend of his boyhood, he at once went to see him.

"And now, my dear fellow," said Mr. S., with emotion, as soon as Ransom had finished his story, "what are you going to do?" "Turn over a new leaf," answered Ransom. "I'm determined to be a man and a Christian."

"Right, Harry!" said Mr. S. heartily. "Depend on yourself and you're in the devil's hands. You're safe only in Christ. The friendly words and tone of his old schoolmate thrilled the poor vagabond as he waited there in his ragged garments and hopes of better things swept over his soul and brought him once more to his right mind. He stood erect; returning pride grew terrible within him. While conscience sat in judgment on his most familiar sin.

In the conflict of feeling his good resolutions struck deeper roots, and he already felt strong, for the helping hand of human kindness was teaching him to lay hold of the helping hand of God.

"Here, Harry," said Mr. S., who had been writing rapidly at his desk, "take this." And folding a note containing a warm and urgent message to a city missionary whom he well knew, he thrust it into Ransom's hand with careful directions for finding the necessary street and house.

"It was possible to leave my office I would go with you," said he, but when you've been through Mr. L.'s hands come directly to me again."

It is needless to say that the missionary received his visitor with the cordiality of a brother, and lost no time in attending to his wants. A good dinner was the first thing, then a visit to the bath-room, then clothes. Finding no coat in the girl's wardrobe, the good man promptly pulled off his own, and put it on the back of the comical stranger.

Hearty trimmed in a neighboring barber-shop, Harry Ransom looked quite himself again. He now returned to his old friend who received him with acclamations. The few other articles needed to complete his personal outfit were procured by Mr. S., who then established him in his own home as a privileged guest till he could find a situation in the city.

Ransom at once took proper measures, under counsel from his friend to secure employment, and wanted were regularly advertised, and making patient inquiries and applications, till, after several days, he succeeded in getting honorable work at living wages, and began life again with good courage.

He is now rising to a lucrative situation, and is still making his way upward. Best of all, he has become a joyful, thankful follower of the Friend of sinners.—Congregationalist.

AFRAID OF A LAUGH. "Please, aunt Eleanor, I can't do it," said Norman Hale, "the boys would laugh and tease me so; indeed, I cannot."

"So my little nephew is afraid of a laugh, is he?" asked Mrs. Place, looking quietly at the boy by her side; he is going to be like the weather vane, is he? turning with every shade of public opinion, afraid to do what is right and proper, because, forsooth, some of his companions may raise a laugh at his expense.

Norman did not reply, and his aunt continued: "Let me tell you a story of two boys I knew years ago, I will call them Moses and Giles, lest you should recognize the men before my story is begun. One of their playmates had received a box of valuable presents, and in imitation of his elders, thought he would treat all his young friends. His father furnished him with a decanter of reduced-cobalt, (just right for boys, he said,) a bowl of sugar, several glasses and spoons.

This boy, whose name was Silas, arranged them nicely on a table feeling quite proud of the display, and invited all in the village to come and take a drink. A large number soon flocked around him, quite elated at the prospect before them—free drinks and plenty of sugar.

Sitting at my open window, I heard Moses and Giles conversing. Neither relished the idea much, but Moses said it would look well not to go through the motions. "We needn't taste only the tiniest drop, you know," while Giles thought best to abstain from any appearance of evil and not go near temptation, but every body will laugh at us, and we're terribly afraid of becoming drunkards," said Moses. "Let them laugh, then," replied Giles. "I'll never taste, I know I shall never be one. For my part, when I know a thing is right I mean to do it, be the consequences what they may." Poor Moses could not stay away, while doses were going.

"I don't know," replied Norman, "I don't know who they are." "Very well, I can tell you, then. You remember the man who lectured to us so earnestly and eloquently the other evening?" "Of course I do," page said he was the richest man in Buford, and the most benevolent, too, though I don't see how that can be. But who is the other?" "Well, the other man is poor drunken Miller, who is so often seen staggering through the street."

"Oh, I know him, some of the boys were hoing him yesterday, and he threatened to chastise them. I could not help pitying him."

"Yes, he is truly an object of pity, and has been so from his childhood, for like a little boy I know now, he dared not do what was right lest he should be laughed at."

"Oh! auntie, I won't be afraid of a laugh any longer, but will go right about getting signers to the Temperance Pledge, and perhaps I will win a commission one of these days."—Young People's Helper.

DOING GOOD TO OTHERS. Seize every opportunity of contributing to the good of others. Sometimes a smile will do it. Offer a kind word, a look of sympathy, or an acknowledgment of obligation. Sometimes a little help to a burdened shoulder, or a heavy wheel, will be in place. Sometimes a word or two of good counsel, a seasonable and gentle admonition, and at others, a suggestion of advantage to be gained, and a little interest

to secure it will be received with lasting gratitude. And thus every instance of kindness done, whether acknowledged or not, opens up a little well-spring of happiness in the doer's own breast, the flow of which may be made permanent by habit.

A Presbyterian Minister in Philadelphia, somewhat perplexed with want of success in gathering tithes for a certain object of benevolence, preached to the rich brethren as follows: "Brethren, the Lord has deigned to you the privilege of exercising many of the most precious graces of the Christian character, which in his infinite mercy he has vouchsafed to the rest of us. You never knew what it was to repose absolute unassisted faith in God for the things of this world. You never had to go asleep at night without knowing where your breakfast was to come from. You never had a sick child wasting for the want of costly luxuries. You never had to deny yourself the gratification of the impulses of pity, when a sufferer came to your door. You never had to endure the humiliation of being damned for an honest debt without knowing whether ever you could pay it. All these unpeppable advantages in developing Christian character an inscrutable Providence has taken away from you and bestowed upon poor men. The one solitary grace of Christian life which has been deigned to us and given to you is the grace of liberality, and if you don't exercise that, the Lord have mercy on your soul.

LOOKING TO JESUS. Weary and heartick, stumbling, affrighted Starting at dangers, covered by our fears, Groping in darkness, sinful, benighted, Looking to Jesus blinded by tears.

Myriad passions shining in beauty, Smilingly gleaming, but leading astray; Luring us backward, tempting from duty; Looking to Jesus, asking the way.

Hearing His answer, words gently spoken. Sot as a whisper—"I am the way;" Learning our error, almost heart broken. Looking to Jesus, knowing our weakness, Led by His guidance, to mansions above; Bearing our burden, waiting in meekness, Looking to Jesus, trusting His love.

Obituary. Died at Sandy Cove, Digby Neck, on the day 14th inst., Mrs. Sarah Wilson Morehead in the 84th year of her age. She was born Digby Neck, but when the family removed to Annapolis, she attended the worship in the Episcopal church with her parents, and was confirmed in that communion about the year 1810. It was about this period in her life when she commenced to attend the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodists, she always retained in her memory a grateful remembrance of the early advantages she possessed in listening to the faithful sermons of such ministers as Revs. Messrs. Wm. Black, Avar, Busby and others that she mentioned. It was then that she was truly awakened by the Spirit of God to a full sense of her danger as a sinner in having so often violated the laws of God, the date of her conversion is not on record, but of the genuineness of the change none doubted. After marriage she with her husband removed to Digby Neck, and joined the Methodist church, of which she was a consistent member upwards of fifty years. In those days the early itinerants had to perform long and toilsome journeys, the Annapolis circuit embraced the County of Digby, the "Neck" was occasionally visited by the superintendent stationed there, but limited, compared with what is obtained in those days, yet she was enabled to hold on the even tenor of her way. She was warmly attached to her own church but before her death, she loved all those who loved the Lord Jesus Christ in truth and sincerity. It is thirteen years since we became acquainted with her, and have often heard her relate her happy experience in the classroom as well as at her social services, her favorite book of study was her Bible, she was a very familiar with Wesley's hymns, these were a great comfort to her when by extreme weakness she was unable to meet in the congregation, she loved the public worship. Her illness was very short, only a week. Her mortal remains were placed in the Episcopal graveyard at Sandy Cove there to await resurrection of the just. A large congregation attended the same afternoon on Sabbath inst., in the Methodist church, where her funeral sermon was preached by the writer in the absence of the pastor.

Nov. 22, 1872.

Death has again entered the home of Alex. Gibson, and taken away another member of this family—Willie, the youngest who was eight years old. Two weeks ago (the 4th inst.) he attended school, and in the reading-class, he complained of the headache and was permitted to go home. But that week it seems that he was quite ill, though the general opinion was that it was a cold, but a week ago he became very much worse, and lingered until Saturday evening when his spirit fled. We cannot learn where the disease was. It seems that even his physicians cannot; however, the little fellow suffered a great deal of pain, and lay moaning and apparently unconscious, nearly all the time, occasionally rallying only for a few moments, then returning to a state of stupor. Shortly before he died in one of his rapturous periods, his aunt Mary sang, "Shall we gather at the river" &c., which he sang after he had taken his last breath. He was a very good boy, and his death is a great loss to his mother, who has been weeping for him ever since. We missed Charlie, and now miss him, as his little brothers and sisters miss another as the class to which they belonged takes its place. Within the period of two months and a few days at least, the poor mother was killed while stepping from a wagon at her own door. Two weeks ago she was seized with an illness of a few days—the rest were brought to their graves by consumption of the lungs. The suddenness of death, "In the midst of life we are in death." 2nd. The preparation for it, "Be ye also ready." 3rd. Nothing better. Submission to the will of God, that the language of our hearts may be, "The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

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