



MR. BLISS'S LAST HYMN.

For the benefit of those who may be interested I send to the Wesleyan, the original of Mr. Bliss's last Hymn, written by Dinah Maria Mulock, (Mrs Craik.) Mrs. Jesse W. Fulmore.

Five Islands.

HE KNOWS.

I know not what will befall me, God hangs a mist o'er my eyes, And o'er each step of my onward path, He makes new scenes arise;

Or perhaps the dreaded future Has less bitterness than I think; The Lord may sweeten the waters, Before I stoop to drink;

It may be there is waiting, For the coming of my feet, Some gift of such rare blessedness, Some joy so strangely sweet,

Oh! restful blissful ignorance! 'Tis blessed not to know, It keeps me quiet in those arms Which will not let me go,

So I go on not knowing, I would not if I might; I would rather walk on in the dark with God;

My heart shrinks back from trials Which the future may disclose, Yet I never had a sorrow, But what the dear God knows;

Moody's voice is magnificent; now ringing out like a trumpet, now soft and tender as the cry of a woman. At times it is pathetic, then startling; always clear and impressive.

can listen to such a man and then remain three years in a charge without a revival, is one of the mysteries which can not be explained until the day of judgment.

I pass from this eminent servant of Christ's, to one of the noblest of men which this country has produced. I refer to the Rev. Joseph Cook. I heard him in Tremont Temple. The audience was immense. Never was there so unmerciful a jam. I was determined, however, at the risk of my ribs, to see and hear this second edition of Jonathan Edwards.

TIME TO ME.

Time to me this truth hath taught, 'Tis a truth that's worth revealing; More offend from want of thought, Than from any want of feeling.

If advice we would convey, There's a time we should convey it; If we've but a word to say, There's a time in which to say it!

Many a beauteous flower decays, Though we tend it e'er so much; Something secret on it preys, Which no human aid can touch!

So, in many a loving breast, Lies some canker grief concealed, That, if touch'd is more oppress'd, Left unto itself—is healed.

Oft, unknowingly, the tongue Touches on a chord so aching, That a word, or accent wrong, Pains the heart almost to breaking.

Many a tear of wounded pride, Many a fault of human blindness, Had been soothed, or turn'd aside, By a quiet voice of kindness!

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MR. GEORGE E. FULL'S LECTURE.

Mr. Full's lecture in the basement of the Methodist Church, on Wednesday night last, was entitled, "Select stories from the Book of Nature." Infidels maintained that there is no evidence of God in Nature, and his purpose was to prove that there is. His first proposition was, that all things are subject to inexorable laws, and his conclusion, that where there are laws, there must be lawgivers, and the great Lawgiver is God. His second was, that the works of Nature showed unmistakable evidence of design, and the conclusion was, that where there was design, there must be a designer. Every designer must be a thinking being; therefore the great Designer of the Universe was God.

The lecturer next enlarged on the working out of these designs—the ingenuity manifested in the unfolding of nature—the consummate skill of all natural processes and law—and the wonders recorded in the great Book of Nature. Then came a succinct description of the creation of the Universe, as held by such geologists and scientists as Miller, Huxley and Dawson—the lecturer evidently holding to the seven day period of creation as advanced by Hugh Miller. Thus far the lecturer had been looking through the telescope. He next turned his attention to the wonderful discoveries of the microscope. Then followed a treatise on the adapta-

tion of the earth, in the different periods of its formation, to the life of its inhabitants—all showing evidence of intelligence, wisdom, goodness and design.

The lecturer brought his paper to a close by showing the goodness of the Creator in fitting the earth for the comfort and convenience of man. Everything was made to minister to his wants, his pleasures and desires. The address was exceedingly well written, and abounded in many eloquent passages. The "stories" produced were, indeed, wonderful, and proved to be both interesting and instructive. A high moral tone pervaded every part of the discourse. At its conclusion, Mr. Full was warmly complimented by the chairman—J. R. Brecken, Esq., Mr. Latham and others.—Charlotte-town Argus.

OBITUARY.

IN MEMORIAM.

The little babe That now lies 'neath the frozen sod at rest, Where bleak winds howl through leafless trees, And moans and sighs each passing breeze, Where the winding sheet of snow is spread, Though it gives to the sleepers no chill nor dread, Came to my arms and to its mother's breast A year ago to-day.

Our pretty babe, A few short weeks staid for our love and care, A few short weeks to twine its tendril charms Around our hearts, then from our very arms, Death took our babe. But 'twas the Master's will, 'Tis well! in death's cold arms, forever still. Rest thee, who came our care and love to share. A year ago to-day.

This lock of hair Was gently severed from its auburn mates, Fondly I gaze, and as by magic spell, The lock becomes the form I love so well, The tiny hands, the soft brown eyes, the face

That seemed to us possessed of wonderful grace, Vision farewell! that op'd of life the gates, A year ago to-day.

Then rest thee babe, rest thee babe under the trees, Thou art not alone, for each passing breeze, Sings saddest requiem over the forms, Of six little sleepers sheltered from storms. March 7, 1877.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Bethia Moulton, of Arcadia, York, was in her 89th year, when on the 11th of March, she exchanged mortality for a most worthy and consistent member of the Methodist Church. Naturally of a retiring disposition, the depth of her religious life, was known only by those who knew her best; but her calm, constant, humble walk with God, must have been observed by all. The word of kindness dwelt upon her lips, and she won the affections of all who came within the reach of her influence. It was the writer's privilege, to minister to her in holy things for two years; and during that time had ample opportunity of witnessing the divine grace, as manifested in her patient submission to the divine will, in the midst of sorrowful bereavement, and severe personal affliction. Whilst there was not the slightest approach to self confidence, in speaking of her religious experience, there was always the expression of unreserved confidence in Jesus as One 'mighty to Save.' And when at length the messenger came, she was not taken by surprise; but calmly and gently as a child glides into its evening slumbers, so with her head pillowed upon the bosom of Jesus—

"She sank in blissful dreams away In visions of eternal day."

WILLIAM HARDING.

At Collins' Cove in the Burin circuit, Newfoundland, on the 6th of March, in "quietness and assurance for ever," resting on the atonement, the venerable Wm. Harding peacefully passed from this "vale of tears," to "the inheritance of the saints in light." He was born at Farrington, near Bideford, England, Nov. 5th, 1793. In early life, he in company with his parents and the members of their family attended the ministry of the "Church of England." Notwithstanding his outward conformity to the ordinances of religious worship as observed by him at that time, he grew to manhood a stranger to vital godliness; being destitute of a saving knowledge of Christ. The course he pursued for some time was one which he afterwards deprecated and deplored. By a remarkable interposition of Divine Providence he was reclaimed from his sinful habits, and brought into intercourse, acquaintance, and ultimate relationship with a pious family. While with them he became acquainted with Methodism, its people and their principles. Gaining confidence in his new friends by their

kindness to him, and general good deportment; he ventured to express to one of them some strange ideas he had entertained in respect to the manner in which the class-meeting was conducted; from reports he had heard which emanated from those whose religious tenets were unfavorable to Methodist influence. He was immediately very kindly requested to attend one of their public services; he did so. Soon afterwards by special invitation he was present at a class-meeting. He was not only unexcused, but agreeably surprised, and confessed his approval of all he saw and heard. But this was not all the good which resulted from these means of grace. He for the first time was sensibly impressed by a Divine power through the instrumentality and agency of Methodism of a sense of his state as a sinner, and the need of a Saviour. Laboring under these feelings, with earnest prayer he earnestly sought God, whom he soon found to the joy of his heart. Delighted with his choice, he soon evinced a zeal for the truth worthy of his profession. He was greatly assisted in his growth in grace, by prayer, meditation, the careful reading of the Holy Scriptures, our incomparable hymns, and the different religious books put into his hands by pious friends. The Methodist Magazine became a favorite study; its biographical portions particularly engaged his attention; these testimonials and memorials to the faith and memory of the sainted dead were read with pleasure and profit; they tended in a great measure to confirm and consolidate his religious principles; and caused him in some degree to emulate the piety of those whose examples of faith and love as therein given are ever worthy of our admiration. After being on trial as a member for the usual time, he received his "note of admittance," and became a diligent attendant on the services of the Methodist Church. When in his 24th year he married and went to live at Plymouth. After a short residence there he removed to Bristol, where he had the misfortune to lose his wife, within ten months after their marriage. Her death was sudden, but peaceful and happy. Soon after this mournful event he returned to Bideford, where he remained until April 23rd, 1819. He then left for this country, and safely arrived at Placentia Bay in the latter part of the following month.

On the 22nd of April, 1820, he married his second wife with whom he lived most happily; and who affectionately shared and sympathized with him in all the vicissitudes of life through which they cheerfully passed through until her death, which took place on the 23rd of December last. We have stated that Mr. Harding had united himself to the Church of Christ prior to his leaving England; but for a short period before his departure by being thrown into the company of the ungodly in his daily employment, and other means of intercourse, he became the slave of intemperance. Being happily rescued from his evil associates, and removed from the scene of temptation and trial, by returning to his former home and friends, he was again brought under the fostering care and kindness of his father-in-law and family. They were grieved because of his backsliding and religious declension; and earnestly besought him to return again to God. Their prayers were not unanswered. Listening to their kind entreaties he began again to pray, joined the Church and soon experienced the sweets of Divine pardon and adoption into the family of God. For a while he was a member of a Mr. Pendell's class, for whom he ever entertained feelings of gratitude and respect. From the time of his second conversion to God, he never appeared to swerve from the truth; or in any way decline from religion. Through faith and prayer he stood armed and guarded against the sin which formerly did so easily beset and deceive him. Soon after his arrival in this Island he located at this place and eventually became a permanent inhabitant; from thence to the day of his death he was known as a good citizen, and a consistent and useful member of the Methodist Church. During this period which extended over fifty-six years he was for some time employed as a schoolmaster, and while imparting to his pupils secular instruction never forgot to inculcate lessons of morality and religion. Among the few who united and assisted in the inauguration and organization of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in this place, (which ceremony was performed on the 7th of June, 1862) our brother occupied a prominent position. To this good cause he was devoutly attached; and cheerfully discharged the duties of the offices which devolved on him in connection with that order. His election to the office of D. G. W. P., was indicative of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren. Our friend will be especially remembered by our people and many of the ministers who have travelled in this circuit as class-leader and trustee; the responsible and onerous duties of these offices he faithfully discharged. Pro-

verbial for punctuality. As always in his place at the appointed time, unless lastly detained by circumstances over which he had no control. He led two classes, one on the Sabbath-day immediately after the morning service; the other on Thursday afternoons. In the performance of this particular duty he felt a hallowed pleasure. Very few persons took a greater delight in this invaluable institution of Methodism than he did. The members of his classes regarded him with great affection. His consistent habits won their admiration, and rendered his counsels all the more pleasing and profitable. They gratefully cherish his name and the memory of his effective and happy services; and deeply feel his removal from the Church militant.

(To be continued)

IN MEMORIAM.

Among the numerous deaths from diphtheria in this place, we have to record that of NANCY, the beloved wife of Wm. P. Lake, aged 35 years. She first complained of sore throat on Saturday, Jan'y. 15th, the day following the false membrane with the usual swelling appeared, which of course produced great pain in swallowing with accompanying weakness this continued with increased prostration, until the following Thursday, when it became painfully evident that recovery was hopeless. Thus in a few days under the power of this terrible disease, the flower faded, and the hopes of life were withered and dead, but though deprived of this, she was calm and undisturbed, her soul had found a peace which death could not ruffle or destroy. She had learned to fear the Lord while in health, and when the shadows of a speedy dissolution were gathering around her, she felt upheld by his Almighty arm.

Her last hours were eminently peaceful. She was resigned and willing to abide the Divine decree, commending her sorrowing husband and children to the Lord, she wished them to sing their last hymn for her, and very touching was that death-bed scene, there lay the dying mother, no longer able to speak audibly, raising her hands towards heaven in token of triumph, the heart stricken husband stood by, scarcely knowing whether to weep or to rejoice, the joy of the triumph was so great, while their three little girls, with tear-filled eyes, were sobbing forth, "Safe in the arms of Jesus," thus the mother's spirit was wafted to heaven, on the wings of her children's praise.

Mrs. Lake was early converted to God, and strove to adorn the doctrine of God her Saviour in all things, her love to Christ was manifest in various ways, but in none more palpably than in her kindness to the poor, many of whom have lost in her a sympathizing friend. She was also warmly attached to the Church of her choice and liberally supported its various institutions; as an evidence of her love to the class-meeting, her friends after her decease found sixty-three Society tickets carefully preserved.

She was also interested in the new church in course of erection here, and gave evidence of being a liberal contributor to the bazaar to be held in its behalf next fall; but in the midst of a young family, with schemes of usefulness in view, the Head of the Church has mysteriously called her away. "My thoughts are not as your thoughts saith the Lord."

W. KENDALL.

Fortune Harbor, N. F.

JOHN G. MURRAY, PORT HAWKESBURY.

At Port Richmond, C. B., on the 17th ult., passed away from suffering and darkness and trouble and infirmities and mortality, to the light and peace and glory of mortality, John G. Murray, having endured life's ills seventy-two years. How grand and cheering the thought—here in the morning struggling midst darkness and tears; home ere the evening falls glorying in the joy of our Father's house, that he hath prepared for them that love him. I am afraid the reason why so many of us are in the "straight betwixt two having a desire to depart and be with Christ," is because we have so little religion.

Bro. Murray's sufferings were very severe, but he bore them without murmuring. It is not very long since his wife went over in answer to the Master's summons. "Hail good woman, I bring thee tidings that the Master calleth for thee, and expecteth that thou shouldst stand in robes of mortality, within these ten days," and now both are gone leaving ten children orphans, but not helpless, all having reached the state of man and womanhood; and let us hope that these things will bring all of them to wisdom's state, and by and by an unbroken family circle above.

For forty-five years Mr. and Mrs. Murray entertained the Lords prophets, providing a little chamber with necessary accompaniment, &c.

They now rest from their labors and their works follow them.

Being dead they yet speak; and their memory is blessed.

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### INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIFTH YEAR 1877. APRIL.  
FIRST QUARTER. STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

B. C. 893.] LESSON V. ELISHA AT DOTHAN; or, the Lord a Defense. 2 Kings 6, 8-18. April 29.

EXPLANATORY.

KING OF SYRIA. Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, Ahab's old enemy. Warred. According to usage among all ancient nations, war was the rule and peace the exception between Israel and Samaria. Took counsel. Held a council of war. My camp. Intending either a raid, or more likely an ambushade, with the expectation of capturing the king of Israel.

MAN OF GOD. Such was Elisha; filled with God's spirit, enlightened by God's wisdom, fulfilling God's will, protected by God's power. Sent. The man of God employs his gifts of seership, not for himself, but for the good of others, and the defense of the nation. King of Israel. Jehoram, son of Ahab. Beware. May mean either "Fail not to protect such a point," or, "Do not be entrapped at such a place." What an advantage he possesses who has God's wisdom to guide him!

SENT. Either spies to ascertain the danger, or troops to avert it, according to circumstances. How many, like the king of Israel, give more heed to bodily dangers than to the perils of their souls! Saved himself. Escaped the enemy. Not once nor twice. A phrase meaning many times.

SORE TROUBLED. Men whose evil purposes have been thwarted blame others, and are enraged instead of submissive under the hand of God. Which of us? He suspected treachery among his officers.

THE PROPHET... IN ISRAEL. Great deeds and great character soon make a man known. "He could not be hid." Mark 7, 24. Telth... words... bed-chamber. A proverbial expression, having especial force from the privacy and seclusion of an Oriental harem.

GO AND SPY. The king of Syria supposed that Elisha was only some magician of uncommon skill; he had no suspicion that the hiding of his power was with the Highest. Dothan. "Two cisterns." A place on the southern border of the plain of Esdraelon, twelve miles north of Samaria.

A GREAT HOST. It seemed an unequal warfare; a great king and a vast army against one defenceless man. But he left Elisha's Helper out of his account. When one of his officers complained to Antigonus that his army was smaller than the enemy's, he replied, "And how much do you reckon me for?" By night. What folly to imagine that he who had been aware of Ben-hadad's plans in Damascus would be ignorant of his night march against Dothan!

SERVANT. One who had recently taken the place of the disgraced Gehazi, and hence had enjoyed only a limited acquaintance with the prophet's power. A host compassed. He beholds the sun rising over the hills of Gilead, but its early rays reveal around the walls the tents and chariots of a serried host, which seem to have sprung up like magic, in a night.

HE ANSWERED. See 1. The security of faith. 2. The courage of faith. 3. The insight of faith. 4. The encouragement of faith. Fear not. The loftiest faith is not without sympathy and strengthening for those who are weak. They that be with us. Faith gives insight into spiritual surroundings. The natural eye sees the host of Syria; the eye of faith beholds circling nearer and mightier the host of God. One looks upon the visible foes, the other the invisible and almighty allies. More than... with them. "One man with God is a majority."

PRAYED. Not for himself, but for his servant. Let us appreciate and employ prayer for one another. He saw. In response to the prophet's prayer, God unveiled his inner sense, and lifted him up for the moment to the high plane of faith and insight whereon his master dwelt. Horses and chariots of fire. The whole hill was girdled with the blazing symbols of divine majesty and power. Such are ever the invisible attendants of every true-hearted child of God.

THEY CAME DOWN. The Syrian host. Blindness. God opens the eyes of his servants, while he closes those of his enemies. It was not total, material blindness, or they could not have marched, (ver. 19,) but false, mistaken perceptions, and ignorance of the way. They saw, but dimly and dubiously. The object was not to do them harm, but to make them realize their own helplessness. Read in the succeeding verses how they were led captives to Samaria, how they were saved and restored by the prophet's interposition, and how a happy result followed.

### THE PURITY OF JESUS.

FROM THE GREAT TEACHER.

BY REV. JOHN HARRIS.

If our subject permitted, we should love to linger on the purity of His character; for this, though by no means the most attractive feature to a sinful race, is one of the most remarkable. And here, be it observed, he sought not to preserve His holiness unspotted by avoiding contact with the world; he was not indebted for his purity to the privacy of a recluse. From the moment he became a public character, His field was the world; He domesticated Himself, if I may say so, and desired to be numbered as one of the human family; He sought to become the heart of the world; and, in the prosecution of that object, He turned not aside from a personal encounter with the Tempter himself. From every thing which the world contained of great and good, His nature selected and drew to itself alimant and life, while it rejected all the pernicious ingredients with which the purest elements on earth are defiled.

He passed through a scene in which, at every step He took, a thousand malignant influences were waiting to dart on Him, "Yet He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." He uttered not a single sentence capable of being construed into a confession of guilt, or a consciousness of defilement. He often alluded to His poverty, rejection and sufferings; and oftener still to the subject of sin, in a variety of forms; but He breathed not a word which could be construed into the most distant intimation that He considered Himself less than a being of unspotted purity. On the contrary, He challenged His enemies (and He had but few friends) to convict him of a single sin. The prince of this world came, and found nothing in Him, no single thought or feeling, which responded to temptation or disposed Him for a moment to yield to it. He lived for years, and was actively employed in a world in which every condition has its peculiar temptations, so that of all the myriads who have ever inhabited it, not one has escaped the pollution of sin. But, like the sunbeam, which remains uncontaminated whatever the object on which it may shine, the Saviour emerged from the region of guilt, and reentered the portals of heaven, as pure and unspotted as when He left the bosom of the Father. It was strictly true of Him to the latest moment of His continuance on earth,—with perfect sincerity it might have been inscribed on his tomb—it might have been shouted with triumph as He ascended to the throne of Heaven,—"He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

A bickering pair of Quakers were lately heard in high controversy, the husband exclaiming, "I am determined to have one quiet week with thee?" "But how wilt thou be able to get it?" "But how wilt thou be able to get it?" said the taunting spouse. "I will keep thee a week after thou art dead," was the Quaker's rejoinder.

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THE GENERAL BOOK COMMITTEE will meet in the Wesleyan Office on the first Wednesday (2nd) of May, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, 1st May, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

INVITATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

A very notable circumstance occurred at the session of an annual Conference a few weeks ago in Philadelphia:—A bishop fairly maintained his right to appoint the preachers, after consultation with Presiding Elders, independent of outside interference. As a constitutional principle, the bishop's demand was but just.

Three facts were strongly in the bishop's favour. 1. The original practice in both English and American Methodism was to receive appointments direct from an individual overseer, in conjunction with immediate advisers.

We approach this subject with some reluctance. The right of pastoral choice is so closely interlinked with Christian privilege and liberty of conscience, that only the ignorant can fail to see its reasonableness and importance.

world. It provides particularly for the rights of congregations, through their chairmen and other delegates, they having been elected directly either by the people, or those chosen by the people to guard their interests.

Consequently there is the less necessity for anxiety. It is this anxiety which we specially deprecate—which shows itself to-day in so many forms and so many places—which all good men should hold in restraint.

A very wide license is now being taken in respect to circuit invitations. We shall pronounce no judgment upon the system, when kept within reasonable bounds. It is not probable that it could now be changed by any kind of legislation.

THE ANNUAL TEMPERANCE VOTE.

The Temperance Reform meets with stubborn resistance. At least the grand object for which the reformers profess to be laboring, does not seem to draw any nearer. Prohibition has been pronounced against in many Legislatures from time to time; in our own House of Commons a new vote has been taken on the old subject, with most emphatic objection.

Still there is much gained. Every hero who falls is buried a league in advance of those who fell before him. The leaven is gradually spreading through the lump.

dence has been put to suffering does not mean that it has been put to shame. It is weary and aged, yet leaning on its staff it looks out through misty windows in anticipation of redemption still.

DEATH OF REV. M. PICKLES.

A message by cable was received last week to the effect that the above named Minister, a Supernumerary of the Nova Scotia Conference, had just died. It is assumed that the body will be brought to this country for burial, though of this we have no certainty.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE "PRINTER'S MISCELLANY," published in St. John, N. B., is a capital little sheet. Its mechanical appearance is really a good sample for Printers, while the information it conveys on printing and all affairs of the art, is very extensive.

Metropolitan Churches, like all great things, have their own troubles. The trouble of the Washington Church is, firstly, that it has lost the presence of the President, secondly, that it carries a heavy debt.

Insurance Companies in New York have been collapsing at a fearful rate. Persons little able to bear losses have been fleeced by the extravagance of officials in those card-board companies.

The "Crown Line" of steamers from New York to Halifax, thence to Newfoundland are very unfortunate. Following the loss of two steamers last winter, come the sad tidings that Capt. Decker, a respected citizen of Halifax, who had been persuaded to go in one of the steamers as coast-pilot, was swept of the deck and drowned on the outward voyage.

Never was philanthropy more amply rewarded than in the instances of schemes entered upon a few years ago by several young men of the Halifax Methodist congregations. Under the direction of Rev. G. S. Milligan, we believe, in the first instance, as also that of Rev. E. Botterell and other ministers, first Kay St. Church, then Charles St. and more recently Beech St. school room, were constructed in the centres of growing populations.

Several names are spoken of with reference to the next election of President of the Conference. His friends have hope that the health of Dr. Pope, which has greatly improved since the last Conference, will continue good, and so they talk of him; but other names are even more freely spoken of, notably those of Dr. Bigg and Mr. Coley, but it is said that at least one minister in the circuit

work is sure to receive a large number of votes, and that the Rev. Ebenezer E. Jenkins, if not raised to the chair at Bristol, will be certain to secure a strong nomination.—London Meth.

It is always a sorrowful sight when the sea gives up its dead. A circumstance sad beyond the ordinary, has just occurred in Halifax harbour. The body of Mr. Samuel Tupper, one of the men drowned last fall while yachting, has been brought to the surface—a melancholy restoration for his family.

Our English letter this week is very interesting. A few subjects of special significance are treated in a way to throw light upon their conditions, present and future.

Gold is going up with a bound! Stocks of all kinds are taking new life. War is on the point of being declared; that means—what? From the combined, patient efforts which have been made to stay the torrent, we may judge something of its pent-up force.

A grand certificate for the Halifax Medical College has just come across the Atlantic. Letters state that at Edinburgh—that centre of learning, especially medical learning—several of its students have taken leading positions in several competitive examinations—coming off better than many educated in England and Scotland.

METHODIST MATTERS.

THE BALMORAL FUND.—We have received this week a P. O. Order towards the above object of \$11 from a few friends in Charlottetown.

Rev. Joseph Robson, re-appointed at last session of the Nova Scotia Conference to the Wilmot Circuit, has been obliged to go south on account of health. He had been attacked by hemorrhageduring the winter, which reduced his strength very seriously.

Mrs. Alcorn, the wife of the esteemed pastor of River Philip Circuit, has been very low through influenza, followed by erysipelas. Through mercy she has been restored.

Rev. James Taylor, of Shelburne, has again been sorely stricken by the dread messenger. An obituary of Eleanor his daughter, given elsewhere, written sorrowfully yet triumphantly, reached us just as we were preparing for press. Sad to say, another of the family, aged 15, is so ill as to be despaired of by her physician.

This message reached us on Wednesday morning, 18th inst. —

BARRINGTON, April 14. We have just received word by cable telegram that my father has been called to his reward. When the particulars reach us I will send them.

CIRCUIT ITEMS.—From Woodstock, N. B., we learn that on the 1st inst., four persons were received into the church, one by baptism.

Dr. Burns of Fort Massey, Halifax, lectured in the Methodist church, Hantsport, last week. His subject was "Mahomet." The Dr. is always brimful of enthusiasm, and with his fine mind cannot fail to afford instruction on any subject he undertakes to illustrate.

Onslow.—Yesterday closed a series of special meetings which I have been conducting in English and am indebted to brother Angvine for assistance. The Great Head of the Church has been gracious to us in reviving His work abundantly amongst us, which resulted in twenty four (24) souls presenting themselves for baptism yesterday morning.

out on the christian race and to the more matured children of God, by brother Rogers, who is much beloved by us on this circuit. He administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper to about fifty-four persons in connection with this service which lasted for about two and a half hours.

Your's very faithfully, WM. LUKE CUNNINGHAM.

N. B. and P. E. ISLAND CONFERENCE.

THE Examination of Probationers and Candidates for the Ministry, will be held (D. V.) in Charlottetown and Moncton, on TUESDAY, May 1st, beginning at 2:30 p. m.; and in Fredericton on TUESDAY 8th, beginning at 9:30 a. m.

C. H. PAISLEY, Sec'y. Board Examiners. april 21—2ins

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Many of your readers will remember the recent erection of a fine sanctuary, bearing the somewhat imposing name of "The City Temple." It was built for Dr. Parker, by his church and congregation, and if we may judge from what we see and hear it is succeeding well and answering the expectations of its sanguine promoters.

CONGREGATIONALIST CHURCHES

of the metropolis. In addition to the ordinary appointments of the Sabbath and week-nights, Dr. Parker preaches at noon on Thursdays, and succeeds in attracting at that hour, and in the midst of the incessant torrent of noise and traffic, a somewhat extraordinary congregation for number and influence.

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL,

although by the way, it is not at all exclusively ministerial or theological in its composition. After an opening address by a person previously appointed, the subject of debate or consideration is open to all, and all kinds of remarks are freely made. Some subjects of the first importance have been introduced and discussed by men of highest position.

METHODIST EXCURSIONS

are becoming fashionable and receive a goodly amount of patronage. The company is formed of Wesleyans only, and if a conclusion may be arrived at from testimonials, they have a good time of it. Proposals are just issued for another tour to Italy and Rome, passing through Paris, and ever so many places distinguished by beauty and works of art.

THE MAY DISTRICT MEETINGS

will be of considerable importance this year, as the question of Lay-Representation will come up again and for final consideration. After this forthcoming review, in which the laymen who attend the District meetings will have an opportunity of reviewing the whole scheme; it will pass on to Conference to be discussed for an ultimate settlement.

THE BURIALS BILL

referred to in my last letter as just introduced by Government, has been most unfavorably received, and will meet with uncompromising opposition. The Wesleyan Committee of exigence has discussed its provisions, and determined by every means in our power to resist the passing into a law, the objectionable and humiliating proposals.

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New Moon, 12 day, 1h, 25m, Afternoon.  
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Table with columns: Day of Week, SUN, MOON, Rises Sets, Rises Sets, SUN, MOON, Rises Sets, Rises Sets. Rows for days of the week.

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

High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 3 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N.B., and Fortland, Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum subtract the time of rising.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Subtract the time of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES.

The missionary anniversaries of the Sabbath School Branch Missionary Society, held in the Prince street Methodist Church, were of more than ordinary interest.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., the missionary meeting was attended by a larger number of people than any former anniversary—an evidence of the increasing interest in missions.

We observed several new features in the meeting, one of which was the arrangement of the Sabbath School children in the singing seats and adjoining galleries for the purpose of assisting in the singing.

The committee of arrangement seemed to have caught some inspiration from the regular choir of the church, who sung on the previous Sunday evening the anthem containing the words: "Praise God upon the harp, upon the lute, and on cymbals,"

After prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smallwood, the chairman stated the object of the meeting, and then called upon the Secretary, Mr. Walter Beer, to read the report. We may here add that the success of Monday night's proceedings was in a great measure attributed to the Rev. Mr. Lathern, whose zeal and enthusiasm seemed to impart a warmth of feeling and sustained interest from the commencement to the close.

The interest of the meeting reached its climax when the Secretary of Prince St. Church Sabbath School, Mr. R. K. Joet, read from the platform the amounts contributed to the mission fund by each class in the school. The total being from that school, \$487.00. The School being divided into three departments, the Bible Class,

Intermediate and Infant class. We here give for the benefit of the readers of the Argus a statement showing the proportion contributed by each member of the Intermediate Bible Classes of the year:

Table with columns: Name, Num. of Prop., Total. Rows for Mr. W. Heard's class, W. Shepherd's do., etc.

Intermediate Department, Infant Class do., \$487.00

The different amounts contributed by the Bible classes were presented by representatives from each class. The Infant Class taught by Mrs. R. K. Joet deserved special mention. It is composed of children of from three to eight years of age, and their efforts on this occasion show how faithfully their teacher has instilled into their minds the importance of giving for the support of Christian missions.

THOMAS CHALMERS.

We remember well our first hearing Dr. Chalmers. We were in a moorland district in Tweeddale, rejoicing in the country after nine months in the High School.

The crows, instead of taking wing, were impudent and sat still; the cart-horses were standing, knowing the day, at the field gates, gossiping and grazing, idle and happy; the moor was stretching away in the pale sunlight—vast, dim, melancholy, like a sea; every where were to be seen the gathering people, sprinklings of blithe company;

As we entered the kirk we saw a notorious character, a drover, who had much of the brutal look of what he worked in, with the knowing eye of a man of the city, a sort of big Peter Bell—

"He had a hardness in his eye, He had a hardness in his cheek."

He was our terror, and we not only wondered, but were afraid when we saw him going in. The kirk was as full as it could hold. How different it looks to a brisk town congregation! There was a fine leisureliness and vague stare—all the dignity and vacancy of animals, eyebrows raised and mouth open, as is the habit with those who speak little, and look much and at far off objects.

We shall never forget his smile!—its genial benignity. How he let the light of his countenance fall on us. He read a few verses quietly, then prayed briefly, solemnly, with his eyes wide open all the time, but not seeing; then he gave out his text; we forget it—but its subject was, "Death reigns." He stated slowly, calmly, the simple meaning of the words, then suddenly he started, and looked like a man who had seen some great sight and was breathless to declare it.

to deep, imagery and illustration poured in, and every now and then the theme—the simple, terrible statement—was repeated in some lucid interval. After overwhelming us with proofs of the reign of death, and transferring to us his intense urgency and emotions and after shrieking, as if in despair the words, "Death is a tremendous necessity," he suddenly looked beyond us, as if to some distant region, and cried out—

"Behold a mightier!—who is this? He cometh from Edom, with dved garments from Bozrah, glorious in his apparel, speaking in righteousness, travelling towards men in the greatness of his strength, mighty to save."

How astonished and impressed we all were! He was at the full thunder—the whole man was an agony of earnestness. The drover was weeping like a child, the tears running down his ruddy, coarse cheeks—his face opened out and smoothed like an infant's; his whole body stirred with emotion.

How beautiful to our eyes did the thunder look—exhausted, but pure, and sweet! How he poured out his soul before God in giving thanks for sending the Abolisher of death. Then a short psalm and all was ended.—North British Review.

A CIRCASSIAN SCOTCHMAN.

I may mention a strange acquaintance I made when travelling on the great plain which stretches from the Sea of Azof to the Caspian. One day I accidentally noticed on my travelling map the name "Shotlandskaya Koloniya" (Scottish Colony) near the celebrated baths of Platigorsk. I was at that moment in Stavropol, a town about eighty miles to the north, and could not gain any satisfactory information as to what this colony was.

On proceeding to the house indicated, I found a venerable old man, with fine regular features of the Circassian type, coal-black sparkling eyes, and a long flowing beard that would have done honour to a patriarch. To him I explained briefly, in Russian, the object of my visit, and asked whether he knew of any Scotchmen in the district. "And why do you wish to know?" he replied in the same language fixing me with his keen sparkling eyes.

personage before me that, though his tongue was certainly Scotch, his face was as certainly Circassian. "Weel weel," he replied, evidently enjoying my look of mystification, "you're no' far wrang. I'm a Circassian Scotchman!" This extraordinary admission did not diminish my perplexity, so I begged my new acquaintance to be a little more explicit, and he at once complied with my request.

In the first years of the present century a band of Scotch missionaries came to Kussia for the purpose of converting the Circassian tribes, and received from the Emperor Alexander I. a large grant, of land in this place, which was then on the frontier of the empire. Here they founded a mission, and began the work; but they soon discovered that the surrounding population were not idolators, but Mussulmans, and consequently impervious to Christianity.

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CLOTHES PINS.

The Newark Advertiser says: Insignificant as the common wooden clothes pin is itself, its manufacture forms no mean part in American industries, and the numerous factories in New England and other States furnish employment to thousands of people. There are several large clothes pin manufactories in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and one in the vicinity of Saratoga, N. Y., each of which is capable of turning out a thousand boxes, or 72,000 pins, per week.

PLEASANTRIES.

A country editor received the following: Dear Sir,—I have looked carefully and—stagnantly over your paper for months for the death of some individual I was acquainted with, but as yet not a single soul I care anything about has dropped off; you will please to have my name erased.

"What d'ye think of this great revival that's gaun on the noo, Jamie?" asked a grocer of a brother tradesman. "Weel," answered Jamie, "I cannot say muckle about it; but I ken this—I hae gotten in a guid wheen bawbees that I had gien' up langsyne as bad debts."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE CHILDREN'S QUARREL. "Let's kiss and make friends," the child-lips said, And the little brown head and the little blonde head

THE CATS WHO WENT TO LAW.

BY HELEN ANGELL GOODWIN. Two felines had managed to seize So tempting a piece of old cheese. That they quarrelled about the division, 'Twas so solid and awkward in shape That they called in a learned old ape And agreed to accept his decision.

THE MORAL.

You'll be sure to lose more than you gain, In delay, and vexation, and pain. At the law, though you win in the quarrel.

THE STORY LIZZIE TOLD.

"Im sorry I frightened you so, ma'am. I wasn't scared myself. It was only one of my turns. Mother says she expects I'll go off in one of 'em sometime, but we don't tell father that. And I hope I shall live to go on a pilgrimage first.

Observed... what... tells... ache... has... something... will find... prize... her... "She... at, with... to your... Yes... "The... brought... butter... that pl... dren tu... But I c... bread... that no... little fl... home... heavier... to the... could h... when I... der me... "The... knew it... time, an... light of... her, cutt... wasn't a... any kin... tears beg... hardly h... heard m... "Sae... after all... to sleep... home... "I h... I never h... before... "And... ther... "It w... her poor... better let... coming o... all of a s... my work... houses, a... the same... rattling... they wof... same hou... Everything... altered t... struck in... it. Some... with lett... children... it's a jud... two heat... "As... the best... up a fan... and I nev... girl, and... nobody t... and witho... up myse... should I... beat out... and sic... I was so... that I di... getting... man has... end of it... and the... then lie... wake up... woman's... down of a... what's t... her head... "Wif... beer-shop... where th... "I tho... let them... tried to... tears. Did... ma'am, a... dream? "I sup... where my... time, and... ther, a lit... "My... says fath... that even... it. I've... "The... says mot...

Oh, look at this little half-bred marigold! ... What a pathetic story ... "She was such a lovely lady to look at, with a face that went right down into your heart! ... "Then all the people who had brought plants, had tea and bread and butter, in a tent, and there was a band that played sweet music; and the children tumbled about in the green grass. ... "The fright woke me up, and then I knew it was a dream, for it wasn't bedtime, and mother sat at work by the light of the candle, and father sat by her, cutting a bit of stick. ... "I hope she did," says father. "For I never had my heart so broke but once before." ... "And when was that?" says mother. ... "It was the night I got a look at her poor back," says father. ... "As to that," says mother, "I did the best I could by the child. ... "Wife," says father, "don't mention beer-shops and gin shops in the room where that child lays asleep." ... "I suppose I may mention the places where my husband goes and spends his time, and wastes his money," says mother, a little short. ... "My trouble's struck in, I tell you, says father. ... "Then have you took the pledge?" says mother.

"My pledge is a-lying there on that bed," says father. "I never drank to hurt me, nor to hurt you nor the young ones. I've always been a decent, sober, hard-working man." ... "So you have," says mother. "And you're no heathen, either. You needn't call yourself names, Joe." ... "Maybe you've forgot it," says father, slowly, "but I haven't, for I was brought up to know better; we panned the Good Book, and that's why I said we were heathens." ... "I rose right up when I heard that, for I remembered what a big book it was, and how much reading it had in it." ... "Why, Lizzie, have you woke up?" says mother. "There, lie down and go to sleep again. It's nigh upon ten o'clock." ... "But you were talking about a book," I said. ... "Yes, yes, we panned it after father's hurt to his leg when he couldn't go to his work; dear me, I'd forgot all about it. I've got the ticket now." ... "Please God, we'll have it back again," says father, "and Lizzie there shall read to us out of it every night." ... "Then they blew out the candle, and I lay and thought about my pretty lady in my dream, and the room seemed almost light. ... "That night when father came home, he brought the man with him that gave him my plant. ... "Then father reached him the flower-pot, and when he saw that, he took it in one hand, and held it off as far as he could, and burst out a-laughing; and he laughed so hard that he fell back into a chair, and the tears rolled down his cheeks. ... "At last he got out what he had to say, and it was just this, and no more:— "Why, it's nothing but a marigold," and then he went off again. ... "At last he sobered down, and says he, 'If I don't pitch into Bob Higgins, my name isn't Hicks. He told me it was such a rare and costly plant, with such a high and mighty name of it's own, that I thought your lass was sure to win the prize. Never mind, my girl; we'll do better by you next year, and now let me tell you how to manage this plant. You've let it run up too tall, and it looks like a sickly girl that's got no life in her. ... (To be Continued.)

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