

The next English Bible was published during the reign of Mary. It is known as the "Exiles' Bible," or, from the city where it was prepared, the "Geneva Bible." It was the work of devout and scholarly men, whom the Marian persecution had driven into exile. Geneva, at that time was the Mecca of Reformers, and there, under the inspiration of Calvin and Beza, a new English version was prepared. In some respects it was an improvement on its predecessors, while Tyndale and Coverdale were still the foundation; and because it was published in small volumes and in Roman type it soon became a favorite, and for three quarters of a century it held its place as the household Bible of England. The "Bishop's Bible" was published under the supervision of Archbishop Parker in 1568, and was a revision of the "Great Bible."

This hasty sketch leads us to the authorized version, our own "King James." In the year 1604, at a conference of the clergy, held by James in Hampton Court, the first steps were taken for a new Bible. Dr. Reynolds, of Oxford, quoted several mistranslations from the authorized Bibles. "My Lord Bancroft," of London, opposed, saying, "If every man's humor should be followed, there will be no end of translations." But James was ambitious of literary fame, and before the end of the year a committee of forty seven eminent scholars was appointed and the work was begun. The translators were divided into six companies. A set of rules, prepared probably by Bancroft, defined their duties accurately, of which the first and fourteenth may be quoted:

RULE I. The ordinary Bible, read in the Church, commonly called the Bishop's Bible, is to be followed, and as little altered as the truth of the original will permit.

RULE XIV. These translations to be used when they agree better with the text than the Bishops' Bible, Tyndale's, Matthews', Coverdale's, Whitechurch's (the Great Bible), and the Geneva."

The translator's had, therefore, the largest liberty to draw upon all previous versions for whatever of strength or beauty or accuracy they might contain. They disclaimed the intention of a new translation, but they urged against opponents that if the "Ethics," or Aristotle's *Merited Seven English Translations*, surely the word of God merited a seventh revision. In a few years the work was finished, and in 1611 was issued from the press.

It will be well for those who fear the unsettling of faith by a new revision, to remember that in the sixteenth century there were several rival versions without any detriment to Christianity. And Dr. Lightfoot, who was a master in Biblical criticism, declares that no criticism can disturb a single doctrine of the general Church.

A brief history of the present revision movement will now be in order. In May, 1870, after a long previous discussion, the convocation of Canterbury resolved "that it is desirable that a revision of the authorized version of the Holy Scriptures be undertaken." A committee of twelve members of the convocation were appointed to undertake the work, who were empowered "to invite the co-operation of any, eminent for scholarship, to whatever nation or religious body they may belong."

While it may be regretted that this great work originated with one Church rather than with the Churches of Christ, we are bound to admire the wisdom and catholicity of the Committee in prosecuting the task committed to them. The revisers are selected from all the leading churches of Great Britain, and represent the ripest Biblical scholarship of our time.

"I do not hesitate to say," writes Philip Schaff, "that in ability, learning, tact and experience, it is superior to any previous combination for a similar purpose, not excepting the forty-seven revisers of King James, most of whom are now forgotten. Trench, Ellicott, Lightfoot, Stanley, and the late Dean Alford, stand first among the modern exegetes of the Church of England; and Alexander, Angus, Brown, Eadie, Fairbairn, Milligan, Moulton, hold a similar rank among the other denominations. There are no textual critics now living superior to Tregelles, Scriv-

ener, Westcott, and Hort." The late Constantine Tischendorf, in Germany, was, in critical acumen concerning the text of Scripture, the peer of them all, and his labours perhaps more abundant than any.

The conservative and judicious spirit of the committee, as well as the character of the revision, may be judged by the rules, adopted at the first meeting for the government of the revisers:

"1. To introduce as few alterations as possible in the text of the Authorized Version consistently with faithfulness.

"2. To limit, as far as possible, the expression of such alteration to the language of the Authorized and earlier English versions.

"3. Each company to go twice over the portion to be revised, once provisionally, the second time finally, and on principles of voting as hereinafter is provided.

"4. That the text to be adopted be that for which the evidence is decidedly preponderating; and that when the text so adopted differs from that from which the Authorized Version was made, the alteration be indicated in the margin.

"5. To make or retain no change in the text on the second final revision by each company except two-thirds of those present approve of the same; but on the first revision to decide by simple majorities.

"6. In every case of proposed alteration that may have given rise to discussion, to defer the voting thereupon till the next meeting whensoever the same shall be required by one third of those present at the meeting, such intended vote to be announced in the notice of the next meeting.

"7. To revise the headings of chapters, pages, paragraphs, italics, and punctuation.

"8. To refer, on the part of each company, when considered desirable, to divines, scholars, and literary men, whether at home or abroad, for their opinions."

Thus far the work was confined to Great Britain. But it was soon felt that the task of preparing an English Bible, to be read by all English-speaking people, ought to be shared in by Biblical scholars in America. Accordingly, at the request of Bishop Ellicott, Chairman of the New Testament Committee, Dr. Philip Schaff, prepared a draft of rules and a list of American scholars to co-operate in the work, which, in due time, were submitted to the English Committee and approved. Among the American revisers are Drs. Conant, Taylor Lewis (deceased), Geo. E. Day, Ezra Abbot, Hackett, Hodge, Kendrick; Bishop Lee; Van Dyck, of Syria; Washburn, Woolsey, and Philip Schaff. Four of the Committee are of the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely: Drs. Strong, Crooks, W. F. Warren, and Burr.

The plan of work between the English and American Committees is that the English Committee send their revision to their brethren in America as soon as the book is finished. The Americans review this, approving or altering the same with absolute independence. The work is then returned, and the English Committee go over the whole a second time, reviewing, in their turn the transatlantic revision. It has not yet been determined how ultimate differences between the two Committees shall be adjusted. In this way a large part of the Bible has already been revised.

The first and most difficult work of the revisers was with the Greek text. Not that the Hebrew text of the Old Testament is correct, but the means of mending it are very scanty. But few Hebrew manuscripts are older than the twelfth century, and not one has survived that is of a very recent date. Our version of the New Testament was made from the so-called "received text," *textus ab omnibus receptus*, which was the fourth edition of Erasmus's Greek Testament (1527), corrected by Stephens (1550), and by Beza (1589). But great improvement has been made in the text since the sixteenth century. Immense amounts of material for textual criticism have been gathered and thoroughly investigated by scholars. The best Uncial manuscripts were then unknown. The Sinaitic and Vatican manuscripts have since been brought to light; old versions, as the Itala, Vulgate Peshito have been thoroughly

studied, as well as the Biblical quotations of the ante-Nicene Fathers.

Dr. Lightfoot has declared that "a study of the history and condition of the Greek text solves more difficulties than it creates." The magnificent labours of Mill, Bengel, Griesbach, Wetstein, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, and others, have restored the original text, and given to the Church the *ipsissima verba* of the apostles. Romanists and infidels, and not unfrequently Protestant divines, have opposed these labours of the critics. The saintly Bengel was branded as a "Bible murderer." Mill's New Testament, with its thirty thousand various readings, created a panic in England. Like Jerome in the early Church, Bengel was malignantly assailed until the prayer was wrung from him, "Oh that this may be the last occasion of my standing in the gap to vindicate the precious original text of the New Testament!" Jerome, in a different spirit, told his accusers that "a lyre is played in vain to an ass." Bentley anticipated Dr. Lightfoot in the opinion quoted above, when he wrote, "make your thirty thousand variations as many more, and even put them into the hands of a knave or a fool, and yet he shall not extinguish the light of a single chapter, nor so disguise Christianity but that every feature of it will still be the same."

A few of the changes, accepted by the critics, may be given. The passage (1 John v, 7) "For there are three that bear record in heaven," etc., is omitted. "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men." "I will make here three tabernacles," sounds quite like Peter. "Whoso is angry with his brother" "without cause" must be omitted. "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth among men of good will." "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Tim. iii, 16), has less authority than "who was manifest in the flesh." The last twelve verses of Mark, and the beautiful story of the woman charged with adultery in John, will probably be omitted. Many will regret to find the anthem-like doxology which closes the Lord's prayer omitted,— "for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Amen." It is without doubt an interpolation from the liturgies, as it is not found in any ancient manuscripts. The troublesome fourth verse of the fifth chapter of John, that about an angel coming down and troubling the pool, will be omitted. Errors of translation, of English grammar, and archaisms are being corrected by the revisers. "The Lord added to the Church daily such as were being saved," avoids the unauthorized doctrinal squinting of King James. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed," is more intelligible when properly translated,—"Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed." "Strain out a gnat," "Make to yourselves friends out of the mammon of unrighteousness;" we are not to make mammon our friend, but to employ this world's wealth in a wise way. "Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house," was the answer for the boy Jesus made to his mother when she had found him in the temple. An archaism (1 Cor. iv, 4), introduced by Tyndale, "I know nothing by myself," should be "against myself." "Baptizing into the name of," etc., *eis to onoma*, that is, into all the divine name represents.

"Cherubims," has the English and Hebrew plural terminations. "Marcus, cousin to Barnabas," not "sister's son;" "Simon of Cana," not "a Canaanite;" "One flock and one shepherd," (John x, 16), not "one fold," which might be seen to favour a narrow sectarianism. Our version makes bad work with the Greek article. At times it is omitted from passages where its presence would illumine the sense, and occasionally it is inserted where the Greek omits it. "As by the transgression of the one the many were made sinners, so by the righteousness of the One shall the many be made righteous." "He was looking for the city," not "a city," but the city of God. "God be merciful to me the sinner," expresses the deep conviction and humility of the Publican.

Paul wrote "the love of money is a root of all evil," not "the root." The great passage (Matthew xxv, 46), is weakened in our version by rendering the word *aiouios* by two different words: "These shall go away in everlast-

punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life."

In Acts xx, 28, the word *episcopoi* should be rendered "bishops," as elsewhere in the New Testament, and then it would be evident that bishops and elders are not distinct orders of the ministry. The distinction between *hades* and *gehenna* is lost in our version, both words being translated "hell." So between *theria* and *zoa*, both of which are rendered "beasts," though the one denotes the beings who worship before the throne of God, and the others the monsters whose abode is in the abyss beneath. Obsolete words are replaced by modern ones; for example, "to precede" for "to prevent," "hinder" for "let," "baggage" for "carriages."

The confusion among proper names is occupying the care of the revisers. Why retain "Hagar" and "Agar," "Jonah" and "Jonas," "Kobrah" and "Core," "Koreh" and "Cyrus," "Judas" and "Jude," "Jewry" and "Judea," and, worst of all, for the same person, Hosea, Hoshea, Osee, Osea, Oseha, and Oseas?

It is also probable that the revisers will arrange the prose portion of the Bible in paragraphs, and the poetry in metrical verses, according to the laws of Hebrew parallelism. Not only the beauty but also the meaning of the Scriptures is often obscured to the English reader by the uniform printing of prose and poetry. If the inspired authors were moved to express their thoughts in poetic numbers, it can hardly be proper for a translator to interfere with such an arrangement.

These are some of the emendations and corrections which have received the attention of the revisers, and which seem to have been favorably considered by them. Still others are under consideration; but with the cautiousness that becomes them in the discharge of so weighty and delicate a duty, they seem to be feeling their way carefully, and yet with a steadiness of purpose that indicates their consciousness of their own ability to deal successfully with the subject committed to their hands. We see no reason to doubt that their work will be well done; and that it will very greatly redound to God's glory and to the good of the world.—*National Repository*.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES TUPPER.

A few lines respecting the life and death of one who is much missed by the Methodist Church of Berwick—and by none so much as by the minister—ought to have been given to the readers of the *WESLEYAN* before now. I allude to Mr. James Tupper who came from East Cornwallis to reside here five years ago, and who died at Lower Horton on the 13th of last March, to which place he had gone to visit some relatives.

Our departed brother having labored a good deal in connection with the financial interests of the Canning circuit, thoughts having changed his place of residence, he would be relieved of the often unpleasant duties of soliciting subscriptions, arranging for bazaars, tea-meetings, &c. But in this he soon found he had miscalculated. Here, as well as in the circuit whence he had come, workers in every department of the church's interest were needed, and no one able and willing to work, could long be a mere spectator of other men's labors. He was soon appointed Steward and Trustee, the duties of which offices he continued to discharge with praise-worthy zeal until death took him from us. Indeed, a more diligent and successful worker in connection with church finances I seldom met with; and we are not surprised when we hear it said, as we often do, "how much we miss Mr. Tupper." Bro. Tupper was converted to God when he was young, and led to seek a more satisfactory religious experience than he enjoyed for some time past, soon after he had become the head of a family. From that time his family altar was never allowed to fall into decay—and on his dying bed he spoke of it as having been a source of great enjoyment and spiritual strength to him. He also loved the house of the Lord, and occupied his seat there when others living much nearer the place, and who were more favorably circumstanced, were absent. By his example in this respect, some have greatly profited; and none more than his own family, where the fruit is happily seen to-day, and will, we believe, continue. Alas, for those parents who by their example teach their children to neglect the worship of God.

During the week of prayer last January, and special services held subse-

quently, brother Tupper evidenced a deep interest in the work of God, and was much revived in his own soul, God evidently fitting him and them for the separation that was so soon to take place.

On the arrival of his now sorrowing widow at the house of her brother, where he died, she found him very ill, but happy in God. He told her that the night he was taken ill the Lord blessed him in a wonderful manner, that he was never so happy in his life, and that he could not refrain from praising God and talking to those around him about the welfare of their souls. And in this happy frame of mind he continued to the end. Often he repeated the familiar lines—

"Not a cloud do arise,
To darken the skies,
Or hide for a moment,
The Lord from my eyes."

And again and again, during the eleven days severe suffering which preceded his death, he exclaimed, "A brand plucked out of the burning"—and "What a wonder the Lord should so greatly bless me, one of the weakest of his followers."

And not long before he slept in Jesus, he called his devoted companion to his bedside, and said, "My dear, if when I am dying I am unconscious, or unable to speak, give yourself no uneasiness about me—I feel all well and I am going to be with the Lord. And that he is now 'safe in heaven' no one who saw him during his last illness, and heard the expressions of humility, thankfulness, trust and promise which fell from his lips, can doubt. C. LOCKHART.

Berwick, Jan. 1878.

ANNIE SOPHIA GOODEN.

Died at Tidnish, Baie Verte circuit, on the 6th of Oct., 1877, Annie Sophia, beloved wife of Asbury Gooden, aged 57 years. For several months the deceased felt her natural strength abating, for which she could assign no cause. About six weeks previous to her death it became evident that she was the subject of heart disease of an alarming type. Rapid was its progress—keen were her sufferings until the end came and then gently "the silver cord loosened and the golden bowl was broken, then dust returned to the earth and the spirit returned to God who gave it." Not only have the bereaved husband and family gone through deep waters, but they have sustained an irreparable loss. Sister Goodwin was a devoted wife, a fond mother and an estimable member of the community. Her religion was not ostentatious, but it sustained and gave resignation in suffering and triumph in death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Just three months after our dear Bro. Goodwin saw his devoted wife draw her last breath, he was again called into the furnace of affliction. His youngest son, Enoch Evans, aged 14 years fell a prey to diphtheria. For several months this disease has been plying its sickle in the community. Large and precious has been the gathered harvest. The youth of whom we write was from a child serious and thoughtful and evidenced many good parts. During his brief illness he sought and found the Lord, and gave proof that he found it "not hard to die." He rejoiced at the prospect of meeting his mother who had just crossed over the river before him. "It is well with the child." J. S. A.
Baie Verte, Jan. 22, 1878.

MRS. SAMUEL IRONS.

Mrs. Irons became converted to God in her seventeenth year, at Young's Cove, Grand Lake, under the ministry of the Rev. Wm. Allen, and immediately united with the Methodist Church. From the time of her conversion until death, her life was most consistent and exemplary. On Monday last, sister Irons was called away to the skies, in the 36th year of her age, leaving a husband and three young children to mourn their loss, "Why do we mourn departing friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to his arms."
Jan. 21, 1878.

IN MEMORIAM.

At her late residence, Sheffield's Mills, Cornwallis, Dec. 23rd, 1877, Sister MARY J., beloved wife of Watson Ellis, and daughter of Brother Guerdon Eaton of Hantsport, aged 36 years. Sister Ellis experienced religion when quite young, but did not make a public profession until she was about 21 years of age. All that can be said in commendation of a Christian daughter, wife and mother and neighbor may be said of our departed sister "virtue alone has majesty and grace. She has now through boundless grace gone to join a beloved husband and other departed friends, and her glorious Saviour, who doubtless awaited her on the other side of the river of death. She leaves a dear husband and three children, with a numerous circle of relatives to mourn their sad loss. Our prayer is that each may be able to say

"To thee we look, to thee we bow
To thee for help we call;
Our life and resurrection thou,
Our hope, our joy our all."
J. C. A.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

B. C. 896. LESSON VI. JEROSHAPHAT HELPED OF GOD; or, Established by Faith. 2 Chron. 20. 14-22.

EXPLANATORY.

UPON JAHAZIEL. See God's answer to his people's cry. 1.) It came promptly, for there was urgent and instant need.

HE SAID. The message. 1.) It was direct, beginning with specific mention of those to whom it was addressed.

AND JEROSHAPHAT. In these versions we see three manifestations of faith. 1. Faith manifested in prayer.

CONSULTED. By asking the people's advice he secured their hearty concurrence. The true statesman, like Lincoln the good, leads, but does not drive the people.

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DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: Value of faith.

The next lesson is 2 Chron. 24. 4-13.

SABBATH BELLS.

"Hark! hark! methinks that o'er my ear Some distant strains of music fell; And now it comes, more soft, more near— It is thy chime, sweet Sabbath bell!"

Blest sound! how oft with willing feet Have I obeyed thy sacred spell; And loved to join where pilgrims meet, Obedient to the Sabbath bell.

Its distant echoes faint and fleet Could music's softest tone excel; Nor knew mine ear a strain so sweet As thine harmonious Sabbath bell!

Of holy hopes of joys refined, The pensive murmur seemed to tell; And spoke of countless joys combined In that sole thought, the Sabbath bell.

And now my spirit spurs the thrall That binds me to my pillow cell; And fain would hasten to the call That vibrates from the Sabbath bell.

The holy fane, the sacred rite, The hallowed joys I loved so well; Say, shall they bless again my sight, At summons of the Sabbath bell?

Ah, no! that hope I fear is o'er I bid the dear deceit farewell, And scarce may hope to hear once more The music of the Sabbath bell.

Soon, soon its meek and mournful strains May vibrate in my funeral knell; Yet while a thought of life remains, 'Twill ne'er forsake the Sabbath bell.

And if beyond this mortal lot, On former joys the soul may dwell, My spirit e'er shall haunt the spot That echoes from the Sabbath bell.

Passed from imperfect worship here, To fullness which no tongue can tell, Thou dost not pine, ah, spirit dear, For any earthly Sabbath bell!

—Sunday at Home.

THE EVENING PRAYER.

Mrs. Elliott was a busy woman, but she was never too busy to put her darlings to bed herself, and to hear them say their evening prayers.

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WESLEYAN. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1878.

A DAY IN THE EDITOR'S SANCTUM.

Disraeli did not exhaust, by any means, the curiosities of literature. There are probably as queer contributions to-day coming in to newspaper editors as any over which that lover of the antique and marvelous ever drew pen. Our own experience of a single day in last week's editorial work will long rise before the memory, as one of the strange combinations of life. The correspondence, on business and otherwise, was larger than usual; and after selecting for more careful notice the matter intended particularly for publication, an hour or two was given to this purpose. We will enumerate the results.

First came two or three obituaries—always bringing with them a shadow of sympathy and sorrow. Who are the dead? How did they die? How did they live? What bleeding hearts are left behind? What is necessary to prepare these tributes of veneration and love for the eyes of the public?

Next a sermon—an elaborate treatise upon a rather difficult text. Plainly, the MSS. must, in these days of severe critical reading—lie on the table, like important resolutions in parliament, for future consideration.

Next, a cluster of marriage notices. Ah, those bounding happy hearts! Who that had the power would draw a single cloud of doubt or misgiving over their youthful tropical sky! Yet—yet, who can say, in a world so fraught with change, what shall be their history? The proportion of unbroken, lovely, pure and happy married lives, is surely but small, compared with those which are early riven by death, blighted by disease, cursed by vice, or poisoned by selfishness and jealousy. How inestimable is that gift of God which, received at the marriage altar, or brought thither, will go with the voyagers over life's troubled sea, throwing light upon darkness, giving strength in weakness, binding death itself ultimately in chains.

Shades of Euclid! Here is the extra of a country newspaper, carefully wrapped and addressed to the WESLEYAN. On the blank side of the sheet are two circles, scientifically drawn, with sectional spaces, intersected by parallel and angular lines, which meet at the extremities, forming compass-points, numbered and designated in pencil. One, for instance, is described as '7 times 2520 years, St. Andrew's Cross, the point where the earth was in her orbit round the sun, at the time Abraham received the covenant!' Another point is described as 'The Cross that Jacob made with his arms when blessing the sons of Joseph.' And so on round the compass. The unique document purports to have a double object—to lead to a discovery, by measurement, 'of the spot where the ark of the covenant now rests,' as also to afford 'a definition for Judge Marshall,' the absence of which, the author says, the Judge deprecates in Dawson's book. We are offered 'the privilege of publishing this discovery for four successive weeks;' at the same time, other publishers are solemnly warned against infringing upon this right. We hope they will obey!

Another marriage or two, and short obituary notices, with just a little here and there to indicate a brother's hopes or fears, a playful sally, a word of cheer, or a half sigh escaping from sentences where, though perhaps unconsciously, the writer had smothered it down when signing his 'yours sadly.' Circuit intelligence—the record of pleasant social amenities, of souls won for the Redeemer—of 'Donations'—awful misnomer!—of hopes and fears, trials and endurance, with a rare word of murmuring. This, a part of almost every day's correspondence, did not fail to swell the strange total on the day referred to.

A brother forwards a large yellow envelope, just received from Cincinnati, stamped 'From the National Art Company, 208 Vine St.' It needs but a glance to assure one that here is a shrewd 'art company'—bent upon

fleeing the Lord's innocent sheep, and may leave it to them to satisfy inquiries in due time. There were other evils and extravagances on both sides; but we are quite sure the chiefs of the parties did not sanction either of the very contemptible and dishonest means which were resorted to. These, however were but blots upon the election. We have to congratulate the country on the general indications that politics are no longer to be an occasion for turbulence and crime; but are to be held in subordination to the strong hand of the law and the power of wholesome moral sentiment.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A few circuits have not been heard from as to subscribers. Whose fault will it be if the names are dropped?

The Temperance Reform movement continues to gather headway in almost every direction. At Moncton particularly and at Woodstock, where the clergymen are lending their aid, a very decided advance continues to be reported. Altogether the movement is very remarkable, and sure, if rightly managed, to do great good.

Our Charlottetown readers will find in the WESLEYAN of this week a letter from an old friend. William McKay, twenty years ago, was a leader in the Methodist Church in that city, a man of noble spirit and very useful. When he left for British Columbia it was amid general regret. It will be seen, however, that Providence had a good design in his removal. He kindly sends a letter also from the Secretary of the Missionary Society in the town where he resides, furnishing details, from the pen of a missionary, of marvellous results of teaching among the Indians. This letter we will publish next week—a remarkable narrative truly.

Unusual space we devote this week to an article from one of the Magazines. The revision of the Bible is a work of such importance that it deserves attention; and only a comprehensive article, like that we have copied, could do it any justice. The writer is a very able and trustworthy narrator of the facts involved. We advise our readers to give the article a careful perusal, as thereby they will possess a very minute and reliable knowledge of the various versions of the word of God with which the world has been favored, as well as an intelligent apprehension of how the revising committee is constituted, and its great object.

When we alluded last week to the new Mission in Halifax we were under a misapprehension on one or two points. The trustees for the South are Messrs. Geo. H. Starr and H. G. Laurillard—not Mr. S. H. Black who was then named by us. It may have been surmised from another remark we made that the Quarterly meetings of the city had some joint control of the property. This is not the case—the trustees alone have all authority in its affairs, though they are glad to have the counsel and co-operation of their co-religionists, which are always freely afforded.

ALMANACS.—Mr. Harvey of Charlottetown issues a fine Almanac for P. E. Island. Mr. Chapell also sends out a similar publication, which has an additional good and useful feature of a directory.

It is the Editor's turn to be 'crowded out' this week. Matter which otherwise would have appeared has of necessity made way for our welcome letters. The space, however, is well occupied.

The mystery of the Shediac murder case seems daily to become deeper and more wonderful. The Parker girl has been closely and repeatedly put to the test by lawyers, but her story is always told with great energy and determination. Her descriptions are of the most cold-blooded sort, she herself having, by her story, taken at least some part in McCarthy's murder. If her tale should turn out to be a fabrication, she will hold a first class license for ingenious falsehood. On the other hand, should her evidence be established, the murder was almost without parallel in

the annals of provincial crime. Our opinion at this moment is that murder has really been committed, but all the facts have not yet been brought out.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER FROM REV. E. R. YOUNG. PORT PERRY, ONTARIO. January 23rd, 1878.

MY DEAR BROTHER, In answer to the letter signed 'An Observer' in the WESLEYAN, of the 19th instant asking for information about the statement of the Deputation, in reference to the Sabbath Collection, in some places visited, not being included in the Missionary Contribution. I can only answer, by a reference to some of the facts which came under my own notice. Personal references are justifiable where grave assertions have to be proved, misunderstandings cleared up, thorough improvement effected, and uniformity of method adopted.

At Bridgetown, where I preached on the Sabbath, and attended the Missionary Meeting on the following Monday evening when the collection was being counted I asked 'What was the amount of the collection taken up at the close of the service yesterday, that we may include it with the amount now obtained?' The answer given, by a gentleman, who seemed to be the most prominent official in the church, and one who was a lay representative at the last General Conference was: 'Oh we never divert our Sabbath Collections from our local claims, to apply them to the Missionary Income.' I was very much surprised at this statement, as with us in the Western Conferences, on all Stations, Circuits and Missions, Missionary Sermons are preached if not by a Deputation appointed, always by the resident ministers themselves, and the collections of all the services, without any deduction, are applied to the Missionary Income.

While discussing the matter with Bro. Miner Tupper, Bro. Parker, the talented and beloved superintendent of the circuit, who had been collecting subscriptions in the church, came up, and after hearing the expressing of our sentiments on the subject, said, 'You are right, Mr. Young, the Sabbath collection ought to be included, and I will see that it is done if possible,' or words to that effect.

At Digby at the close of our interesting Missionary Meeting, when the financial matters were being attended to, I asked the Question, 'what was the amount of your Missionary Sabbath collections?' The answer was 'we never include our Sabbath collections in our Missionary contributions, they go to local purposes.'

Wishing that these two cases were the only ones, and rejoicing that in most places, the system of giving both a Sabbath, as well as the collection at the Missionary Meeting is carried out, and hoping that soon all will adopt the latter and more excellent way.

I am, your's faithfully EGERTON B. YOUNG. MISSION TO THE NEW BRUNSWICK MISSION CAMPS. NORTH BRANCH, BARTHOLOMEW'S RIVER, January 18th, 1878.

DEAR MR. EDITOR: I am again in the forest at my old work. I came here last night and as usual was heartily welcomed, the camp crew heard me gladly in the evening. This morning as soon as it was daylight I drove a few miles to an adjoining camp and read them the Bishop of Charlottetown's temperance pastoral, and now resting for a few hours I thought that perhaps some of your readers might wish to know how I am prosecuting my missionary labors this winter. To all interested let me say, now that the novelty of this work has worn off I am more than ever persuaded that this undertaking is of God, the number that gladly listen to me are more than ever accessible, and a willingness to contribute of their means is now apparent. Last Sabbath I preached to a crew of about twenty men and they gave a collection of \$28, and in other places they have done nearly as well. But there is something better than this, the moral results though not tabulated are to my eye very apparent. I believe the Missionary Committee made a mistake (even in a financial point of view) in not acceding to the wish of this Conference in adopting this Mission, for I am persuaded that if the claims of this work were fully presented to our people there would be no difficulty in making it self-sustaining.

Not long since I saw in the Missionary Notices some reference made in a speech to what the speaker was pleased to call the 'saddle bag brigade' that had done good work for Methodism ere it passed away. Could that speaker have seen your humble servant about a month ago threading his lonely way through miles of forest mounted upon a hardy little pony with horse blankets strapped on in front

à la Mexicain with saddle bag at the crupper containing hammock on one side and blanket on the other, on his own back a knapsack containing Bible, Hymn book, and about twenty pounds weight of religious reading for gratuitous distribution! That speaker might have thought as Mrs. C. did when she came to the door to see me off, that the days of primitive Methodism had returned. I am sure that if our people are interested in personal adventures, difficulty and self-denial, that desire can be met without drawing very largely upon remote Provinces, nor will the description that can be presented be made of results the most happy.

Perhaps Mr. Editor if you will undertake to decipher pencillings like the present manuscript (for ink is a luxury that in the woods cannot always be afforded) I may keep you informed of my wanderings and the results for another winter and I may try to gratify a good Supernumerary of Charlottetown by sometime attempting a description of scenery through which I pass.

Your's truly, W. WESLEY COLPITZ. ST. MARTIN'S CIRCUIT.

DEAR EDITOR.—A few items from this circuit may prove of interest to you and the readers of the WESLEYAN.

LOCATION, EXTENT, &c. OF THE CIRCUIT. It is situated on the coast, 30 miles up the Bay of Fundy from St. John City, and about 25 miles from the nearest station on the I. C. Railroad.

It is 'beautiful for situation.' The scale upon which nature has here done her work, is, indeed, magnificent. The variety and grandeur of the natural scenery here existing furnish a supply for a great variety of tastes in this direction.

Whether one is in search of the mountainous or the level; the cataract or the rivulet; the rapidly rushing river or the gently gliding stream; the abruptly rising and rocky headland or the far-reaching and pebbly beach; the exposed and ever moving waters of the bay or the sequestered and quiet waters of the lake; the romantic and inspiring scenes of the forest or the active and bustling experience of country or village—the object sought is easily found here. This being the case it is not rash for us to conclude that it is only necessary that the railway now in course of construction and tapping the I. C. Railroad at Hampton, be completed in order that this region become the resort of many who are in quest of the grand and the beautiful in nature for the purposes of health and pleasure.

In extent this circuit is 20 miles. It has, as now worked, six preaching places, two churches, three school houses, and one private house—and its interests lie wholly along the Bay shore or a very short distance from it.

ITS HISTORY AND PRESENT STATE.

For many years this place has been visited by our ministry. The name of Taylor, Payson, Holland, Alcorn, Colter, Hart, Brown, Harrison, Hemmison and Ackman are frequently mentioned as connected with the earlier and more recent history of our church here. During the time of the ministry of these brethren (with the exception of the last named) in these parts, however, St. Martin's Circuit had no existence, but was included in the territory of the Upham Circuit. Three years ago after the close of the last Charlottetown Conference, Brother Opie was imported from England, sent to this station and re-appointed to it at the succeeding Conference, thus having the honor, &c., of being the Pioneer preacher of St. Martin's Circuit. He was succeeded by Brother Pepper, whose ministry, of one year's duration, was marked by much genius in planning, success in executing, energy in organizing, and fidelity in adhering to many of the excellent and time-honored usages of Methodism. The growth of our interests here has not been rapid; and that which has been attained has been in the face of strong opposition arising from a multiplicity of causes; hence to-day our church does not hold that position, present those features, possess that power, and sway that influence which it otherwise would.

THE WRITER'S CONNECTION WITH, AND WORK ON IT.

At the last Conference the 'powers that be,' under somewhat peculiar circumstances, decreed that this should be our field of toil for the year.

Reluctantly—strange? feeling for a Methodist minister to have relative to his appointed sphere of labor—I concluded to come. My very first experiences on the circuit warranted me to strongly hope for success, and to confidently believe that the Divine blessing would be given. In some good degree these have already been realized.

In the discharge of these duties much comfort and blessing were experienced and gracious results followed.

In obedience to the indications of Providence and the convictions of duty we

the bag at the crup... on his own... Bibb's, Hymp book... distribution!... thought as Mrs... primitive Metho... am sure that if our... personal adv... denial, that de... drawing very... orines, nor will... be presented be... happy... if you will under... like the pre-k... is a luxury that... ways be afforded... of my wander... another winter... a good Supern... by sometime at... scenery through... ly... WESLEY COLPITTS... CIRCUIT... w items from this... interest to you and... LEYAN... OF THE CIRCUIT... past, 30 miles up... St. John City, and... nearest station... situation." The... has here done... magnificent. The... the natural scen... a supply for a... in this direction... h of the moun... catarract or the ri... grier or the gen... ruptly rising and... far-reaching and... sed and ever mov... the sequestered... lake; the roman... of the forest or... experience of... object sought is... being the case... conclude that it... railway now in... and tapping the... ton, be completed... become the re... in quest of the... in nature for the... leisure... is 20 miles. It... preaching places... school houses, and... its interests lie... shore or a very... PRESENT STATE... aca has been vis... name of Tay... Alcorn, Colter... Hemmon and... mentioned as con... and more recent... re. During the... of these brethren... (last named) in... Martin's Circuit... is included in the... Circuit. Three... ose of the last... ce, Brother Opie... and, sent to this... to it at the en... nus having the... Pioneer preacher... He was success... whose ministry, of... marked by much... cess in exhorting... and fidelity in ad... excellent and time... odism. The... here has not been... as been attained... strong opposition... licity of causes;... ch does not hold... pose features, pos... way that influence... d... TION WITH, AND... IT... ence the "powers... hat peculiar cir... at this should be... year... eel for a... ave relative to his... labor—I concluded... st experiences on... e to strongly hope... confidently believe... g would be given... these duties much... were experienced... allowed... indications of Pro... tions of duty we

we began a series of special services early... in November, at Green Settlement. From... the very opening of these services Divine... in its quickening, convincing, and... influence was rested upon us, and... During the weeks which followed many... yielded to this influence, and to-day they... are happy in the experience of their new-... found peace, and "rejoice in hope of the... glory of God." Great blessings have been... and are being experienced in that settle-... ment. To our covenant keeping God be... all the glory!

CHURCH BUILDING, &c.
In the course of the time when Brother... Hart superintended Methodist interests... here a lot of land on a beautiful site in... this village was purchased for a Church... During the ministry of Brother Opie ar... largely through the leadership of Brother... Colter—then supernumerary on this cir-... cuit—church building was begun. By... Subscriptions, Donations, Bazaars, and... Teas the work had been slowly carried on... for upwards of two years. On our arrival... here last July we found a pretty building... almost finished on the outside, but no-... thing inside except the remains of a Baz-... ar held a few weeks before, the proceeds... of which went to meet debt previously... contracted. No funds in hand, times... very dull, the nearest city in ashes, and... and the extent of the ability of the people... here apparently reached. I scarcely knew... which way to turn or what to do in order... to complete the building, and the will ex-... isting, the way soon opened up.
The church is finished—or nearly so—a... fine toned bell is hung in its tower, &c.,... &c., and a debt of only about \$500 is upon... the Trustees' shoulders, which will be dis-... charged, I doubt not, at no very distant... date. We began to occupy the church... on Wednesday evening of the week of... Prayer. Its formal dedication is post-... posed until the early part of Summer,... hence I give no further particulars here.
We are preparing to build a church at... Green Settlement. A lot of land for the... purpose has been donated, and will be... secured forthwith. Arrangements are be-... ing made for the erection of the building, and... we believe before this time next year... a comfortable place of worship will be... ready to occupy there.
MISCELLANEOUS.
The Union Prayer Meetings were con-... tinued here nearly two weeks, were large-... ly attended, and were very profitable.
Our Missionary Meetings have not yet... been held. During the Christmas week... the little girls were busy collecting Ju-... venile Christmas and New Year's offerings... to Missions; and they have handed in to... me about as much as was raised altogether... for this purpose on the Circuit last year.
The spirit of Temperance Reform has... reached here, and bids fair to permeate... the whole community and region round... about.
A returned missionary of the Baptist... denomination—Rev. Mr. Boggs,—has re-... cently visited this place, and by his scr-... mons and addresses the people's interest... in missions has been increased.
The new Baptist Church, well built, beautifully finished, and possessing all... the model improvements in church furni-... ture, is to be dedicated on the 27th inst.
The weather is delightful. There has... been very little snow this winter in these... parts; the fields are now almost as bare... of wintry appearance as in summer; and... the roads are travelled in most parts in... waggons.
The following is a list of Subscriptions... to our church-bell fund.
William Davidson, \$10; C. W. H.; Dr. Ruddle, James Pattinson, Miss Carlyle, George Dougherty, Robert Ellis and A Friend, \$5 each. Judson Fowler, George M. Patterson, Daniel Pattinson, Thomas Cassidy, W. J. Parsill, & Mrs Mays, \$2.50 each. J. V. Skillen, \$1.50. and sixteen others at \$1 each.
Pardon the length of this communi-... cation. More anon.
Your's truly, C. W. H.
St. Martin's, St. John, Co., }
January 21st, 1878 }

LUNenburg.—We have been very busy... this winter. We held some Special ser-... vices at Mahone Bay. The spiritual life... of the members was quickened and seven... was added to the Church on trial. We... united with the Presbyterians at Lunen-... burg, and with the Presbyterians and... Baptists at Mahone Bay during the week... of Prayer. We hope that a spirit of... peace and good will may prevail. We... were engaged in holding our Missionary... Meetings during the past week. The... brethren Brown and Hockin were with us... We expect to raise \$400 this year, which... will be an income of \$125 over the receipts... of last year. We raised \$50 by Juvenile... Offerings. We hope that some of the... Missions in our Conference may be in-... duced to follow the example of Lunenburg... The majority of our people are poor. I... suppose we have not a member of our... Church on this Circuit worth \$5000 all... told, and yet they pay all the circuit ex-... penses for two men, which including Con-... ference obligations will amount to more... than \$1900 and besides this they will raise... this year \$400 to send the Gospel to such... poor and destitute places as Berwick, Wilmot, Aylsford, Annapolis, Digby, &c.
Brother Shepherson and myself are... commencing special services at Ritee's... Cove this week, pray for us, that souls... may be converted.
Your's, &c., THOS. ROGERS.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.
The Treasurers of the St. John Churches Relief... Fund acknowledge receipt of the following sums... in addition to monies previously acknowledged—
CHARLOTTETOWN.
Robt. Longworth..... \$30.00
D. R. Johnson..... 10.00
Rev. John Latham..... 10.00
F. S. Moore..... 10.00
John Steniford..... 5.00
A Thank-offering..... 3.50
Hugh Perkins..... 2.00
Jas. Curtis..... 2.00
Wm. Boyle..... 5.00
J. R. Brecken..... 10.00
John A. Moore..... 5.00
Thos. M. Doidge..... 1.00
Benjamin Rogers..... 5.00
L. W. Goff..... 5.00
Fredk. Perkins..... 5.00
B. W. Higgs..... 2.00
George Steel..... 5.00
Wm. Larter..... 2.00
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Benj. Halderson..... 1.00
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Charles Hyde..... \$ 5.00
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John Hyde..... 5.00
Edward Mayhew..... 5.00
Samuel Howard..... 5.00
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Geo. Godfrey..... 4.00
Judith Godfrey..... 1.00
John Edwards..... 2.00
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John Halderson..... 1.00
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John Broynont..... \$ 1.00
TRYON CIRCUIT.
George Howatt..... \$ 5.00
Albert D. Callbeck..... 15.00
John Wood..... 10.00
John B. Leagh..... 10.00
Richard C. Lea..... 10.00
Thomas S. Dawson..... 5.00
Mrs. Wm. Lea (Willow)..... 5.00
John M. Hood..... 2.00
Wm. C. Lea..... 4.00
John Leard (Creek)..... 2.00
O. P. Wadman..... 3.00
Archd. Shaw..... 3.00
R. H. Cammeron..... 2.00
John Hall..... 5.00
Wm. Eaman..... 5.00
T. N. Sturdee..... 5.00
B. D. Howatt..... 1.00
S. E. Reid..... 5.00
Isaac Trondale..... 5.00
Wm. Dawson..... 2.00
Warren Lord..... 5.00
REDEQUE CIRCUIT.
Jesse Wright & Son..... \$25.00
Stephen Wright..... 10.00
Major Wright..... 10.00
Henry Secord..... 1.00
Mrs. Wm. Allen..... 1.00
John E. Browness..... 1.00
D. A. McLenn..... 1.00
Thos. Robin..... 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Inman..... 2.00
Job Wright..... 4.00
Stephen Wright..... 5.00
Mrs. Deacon..... 5.00
Mrs. Rogers..... 1.00
Thos. Soby..... 0.50
Total..... \$304.83
Mrs. Binney, Halifax..... \$40.00
COLLECTED IN CHURCHES.
Bathurst..... \$ 5.20
Florenceville..... 2.00
Upham..... 8.00
Welsford..... 4.00
Jacksonville..... 8.00
Pocahontas..... 0.93
Bowal..... 10.00
Sackville..... 30.32
St. Andrews..... 2.00
Grand Lake, E..... 1.80
Marysville..... 30.00
Bolestown..... 15.50
Jernsalem..... 2.00
Sussex..... 10.00
Richibucto..... 4.00
Little York..... 6.49
Richmond..... 6.00
Gagetown..... 4.19
Point de Date..... 7.75
Murray Harbour..... 9.00
Tyson..... 22.00
Total..... \$180.33
St. John, N.B., Jaug. 22d, '78. \$615.16

FALMOUTH.—The friends of Rev. A. D. Morton met at Mr. Wm. Wilsons, Fal-... mouth, on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst., and presented him with a sum of money... and other tokens of esteem and friendship... The weather was very unfavorable and... hindered many from being present, but... the occasion was a pleasant one and... furnished an opportunity of cultivating a... better acquaintance. These gatherings... may sometimes have objectionable fea-... tures, but often they seem to cement the... union between pastor and people and then... do good. Socially and religiously they... may be made subservient to the highest... ends. In this instance Mr. and Mrs. Wil-... son had their little babe baptized.
In the company present there were in-... terested and appreciative witnesses of... this delightful and impressive ordinance.

When practicable it is best that our... little ones receive the sacrament of bap-... tism in the public congregation in order... that all may know that we never have... and never will depart from the traditions... of our fathers, and the teachings of God's... word regarding this matter.
POWVAL.
The most enthusiastic and successful... Entertainment that was ever known in... Powval, came off on Wednesday evening... the 16th instant. There had been for... some years a debt upon the Methodist... Parsonage. The resident Minister, the... Rev. Mr. Maggs, and his officials, were... determined, notwithstanding the reported... scarcity of money, to face this debt, and if... there was such a thing to reduce it. It... was announced that there would be a... Musical and Literary Entertainment. The... ladies of both Lots 48 and 49, took the... matter up heartily. They prepared a... good tea in the Parsonage for the friends... that came from a distance. About forty... large, fine quality cakes, in various ways... made, their appearance in Powval that... evening.
The public meeting in the Hall com-... menced at 8 o'clock, the chair being oc-... cupied by the Hon. Henry Beer, of South-... port. Miss Ethel Bourke, presided at the... organ. Messrs W. W. Stumbles, Jr., and... Charles Full, of Charlottetown, and Rich-... ard Smith, Esq., of Powval, delivered ex-... cellent speeches. Messrs G. E. Full, J. R. Brecken, and Louis Goff, gave readings, and Master Wm. Weeks, gave a recita-... tion.
The cakes that were not eaten at the... Hall were sold by Auction, and brought... handsome prices. We have heard much... lately about the celebrities of N. Brun-... swick, who have been removing debts from... Churches, &c. But we need not cross the... Gulf for such men, for we have them in... our midst.
Mr. Charles Full believed that some-... thing might be done then and there, toward... the debt for which we had not been pay-... ing a subscription list, he urged the mat-... ter, and in a few minutes we had names for... more than eighty dollars, the greater part... of which was placed upon the desk, in front... of the chairman, by the subscribers them-... selves. After expenses were paid, we... cleared \$70.00.
A light debt yet remains, which we are... bound to pay off without delay. We do... not believe in Church property being in... debt in such wealthy districts as 48 and 49.
Our thanks are due to friends outside... our Church, who assisted in making this... a success.—Com. to Argue.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
NOVA SCOTIA.
Capt. Beaton, of schooner LeRoy, of Pug-... wash which arrived at Halifax, on Saturday... from Boston, reports while laid in a heavy... gale of wind, David Ash, seaman, a native... of Pugwash, was washed overboard and... drowned.
On Saturday, two men near Thompson and... Bennett's mill, Macoon, saw a bear retire... into a hollow tree for which we had not... been observing, while the other returned... for a gun. After a brisk engagement the... enemy was captured.
A man by the name of Daniel McDonald... got his arm badly smashed and broken on... Tuesday last, at Williams' Point, Antigonish, while engaged in working on the railroad on... H. S. Becho's section of contract.
James Hogg, aged 22 years, son of Mr. William Hogg, Pictou, fell overboard from... the barque Anna A. Rich, and was drowned, while that vessel was on a voyage from Ham-... burg to Fortress Monroe. He had been at... sea only a few months having been previously... employed as a clerk in a store in Pictou.
A few days ago a man named Thomas... Reeves, of Kamville, Yarmouth County, accidentally cut his thumb with a saw, and... not considered dangerous in any way, but... last week Reeves was taken with lock-jaw... and the doctors pronounce his case hopeless.
Simon McLeod, of Plainfield, Pictou Co.,... wandered from his home a few weeks ago, while temporarily deranged, and as his friends... have been unable to gain any information re-... specting his whereabouts, they think he... must have perished from cold. He was 65... years of age.
A sad accident occurred on board the barque... Charlie while on the passage from Rotterdam... to New York, a few days ago. During a gale, when the vessel was within two hundred miles... of New York, three men fell from the yard;... two of them alighted on the deck and the... other, Fred, son of Mr. Aaron Young, of... Wolfville, fell into the sea and was drowned. One of the other men had his arm and another... his ribs broken. Fred Young was in his 18th... year, and was a very smart seaman and a fine... young man.
Pictou wants a Society for the Prevention... of Cruelty to Animals, as will be seen by the... following:—"A worn out horse, no longer... of use, was condemned to die, and the owner... instead of taking some effectual steps to that... end, employed a dilapidated specimen of hu-... manity, almost as decrepit as the horse, to do... the duty. After leading the unfortunate... "friend of man" on the ice, the self-appointed... executioner proceeded to mangle the poor... beast with an axe, and for over an hour con-... tinued doing so, finally finishing the deed... with a knife. After bleeding for a length of... time on the ice, the wretched horse died, but... only after an exhibition of cruelty most dis-... gusting. That the trifling cost of a couple of... charges of powder and shot should be suffi-... cient to cause such a crime shows a degree of... callousness indeed shameful.
Rev. D. Robert Cummings, of St. Mary's, delivered a series of temperance lectures at... Gugsboro, and established a McKenzie Re-... forms Club with a membership of 270. There... was an immense meeting in Temperance Hall... one evening last week. The Club resolved... to go in a body with the Manchester and In-... tervale Divisions, and demand that the liquor... dealers should stop selling or take the conse-... quences. The merchants have pledged them-... selves not to allow liquor to be landed on... their wharves.
A few days ago some sportsmen from River... John stalked a moose and found it with an-... other at its yard, somewhere near the lakes... north-west of the Back Meadows. After fol-... lowing one of the animals for nearly a fort-... night, more or less, they had succeeded in... killing it. The animal was a fine one. The... other one escaped from the hunters, and no... trace of it can be found.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND
The President of the York County Agricul-... tural Society still thinks that he can raise... \$20,000 for an Exhibition Palace. He pro-... poses going through the county of York and... to hold meetings in the several parishes.
A man came very near being crushed to... death between the cars at Norton a few days... ago. Owing to the presence of brakeman... Keith, the man escaped without injury. Mr. Keith hauled him from beneath the cars... where he had fallen. This man had been... warned to keep his seat by conductor McFad-... den, who is ever on the alert to the interest... and safety of passengers on the Intercolonial.
Diphtheria is prevalent in Moncton and in... the vicinity.
At Salisbury, in Messrs. Gray & Wheaton's... saw mill, on Friday morning last, Mr. J. M. Harris, son of Mr. Merritt Harris, while en-... gaged in arranging some of the pulleys of... the mill met with a serious accident. He was... working with his mittens on, and the mittens... were wet. On placing his left hand on the... iron of a pulley the mitten froze fast to... the iron, and his hand was quickly drawn in be-... tween two massive pulleys or "feed rolls" at-... tached to the gang. He quickly drew his... hand out, but not before the end of the fore-... finger had been so badly smashed that ampu-... tation was necessary above the first joint, while the middle finger was completely strip-... ped of its flesh.
On Thursday, a boy named Montrose, while... skating at a culvert a short distance below... Berry's Mills Station, fell and broke his leg... above the knee. He had injured the same... limb by a fall early in the season.
On Wednesday night last, cries were heard... from the ice in vicinity of Soar's Point. They appeared to issue from some person in... distress. The person who heard them went... immediately to the place whence the cries... came, but when they arrived nothing could... be seen but broken pans of ice. As yet there... has been no one missing.
Late on Tuesday night, or early Wednes-... day morning, Messrs. Logan, Lindsay & Co.'s... retail store on German street was entered... and between 85 and 86 abstracted from the... till. The thief gained admittance by break-... ing one of the fan-lights. The whole sale... store was entered a week before Christmas... in the same way, but that time the thief did... not get so much.
Messrs. Anson Freeze and W. H. Keith... shipped from Pettitodiac, a few days ago, six... tons of pork. The pigs averaged 300 lbs. Mr. Freeze had one spring pig weighing 315 lbs. The "Chignecto Post" says Mr. Alward, of... New Canaan, is reported to have a pig girth-... ing, 6ft 9i, and weighing 900 lbs.
We clip the following notices concerning... the shipment of produce from P. E. I. from... the "Georgetown Advertiser." The barque... "Lizette Cameron" sailed from Georgetown on... the 13th for Queenstown, with 28,685 bushels... of oats and 522 pieces deals, shipped by the... owners, Messrs. James Duncan & Co. and... Capt. Cameron of steamer "Princess of... Wales." Brig. Carmenta, Capt. Scott, sailed... on the 16th, from the same port, also for... Queenstown, with 15,328 bushels of oats, and... 222 pieces of deals shipped by the owner An-... drew McMillan, Esq., of Summerside. Brig. "Fortune" owned by Messrs. James Duncan & Co., also loading oats, has finished her... cargo, completing the export of 100,000 bush-... els of oats from that port since the first in-... stant, and the extraordinary dispatch which... all those vessels have had, and the facilities... offered for loading, combined with the advan-... tages afforded by our unrivalled harbor, com-... pletely free of ice, in mid winter will, no... doubt, be made a note of by exporters in other... parts of the Island. The "Carmenta" loaded... on the 13th, 12,800 bushels of oats in ten... hours, or 1,280 bushels per hour; which we... believe has never been equalled in this island.
From all parts of New Brunswick comes... the news of great success of the new temper-... ance movement. The number of persons... who have taken the blue ribbon is very large... and the good done in many quarters is very... great, and is causing hope and joy to spring... up in many households. Very few violations... of the simple pledge are reported.
On Saturday night week, Mr. Hanford... Read, of Baie Verte, was on his way home... with large sum of money in his possession. About 11 o'clock he was driving along the... road between the Dwyer place and the Albion... House, when he was startled by the report of... a gun and the whistling of a bullet near his... head. Looking back, he saw the wad burning... where it had fallen on the road, but no per-... son was in sight. Mr. Read drove home and... visited the place on the following morning. It... was found that the person who had fired... the gun had stood behind a stump or windfall, and his tracks were plainly visible, and indeed... he could be traced across the marsh. Who... was it still unknown, but there seems little... doubt that his purpose was robbery and... murder.
A verdict of guilty has been returned... against the young man Hubley, formerly of... Halifax, N.S., who was arrested at Charlottet-... town, P. E. I., for forgery.

UPPER PROVINCES.
A letter from the Secretary of State for... War, published in the "Canada Gazette,"... contains the following:—"The Secretary of... State for War concurs in the opinion of Gen-... eral Selby Smythe that it is of paramount... importance that Quebec, which, as Major... General Smythe observes, is the key of Can-... ada from the ocean, should have such an ar-... mament of modern rifled guns as would for-... bid the passage of the St. Lawrence to any... ship of war that might escape the vigilance... of a British cruiser in the Gulf of St. Law-... rence.
Hon. Mr. Wood, Provincial Treasurer, in... his budget speech gives the receipts of the... Province of Ontario for 1877, \$2,542,977;... expenditures \$2,368,315; estimated receipts... for 1878, \$2,457,069; estimated expenditures... \$2,542,353; of which \$2,052,653 is for ordi-... nary expenses. Total assets of the province... is \$6,262,374. Total liabilities, \$1,569,576.
The laborers on the Lachine Canal com-... plain of having to work this inclement wea-... ther knee deep in water. They have had a... mass meeting at which they clamored for fair... play.
George Brown, editor of the Toronto... "Globe," leaves for Europe shortly. He... will act as Honorary Commissioner to the... Paris Exposition.
A telegram received at Ottawa from Wash-... ington states that the United States Govern-... ment will probably acquiesce in the decision... of the Halifax Fishery Commission and pay... Canada the award of five and a half millions... without demur.
All the Toronto and Nipissing Railway... Company are paying for a heavy duty wood... delivered at Markham and Unionville is \$2.90... per cord. They say that they can get any... amount for that price.

The President, Vice-President, and Pres-... ident of the Council of the Dominion of Can-... ada Artillery Association have been elected... ex-officio members of the National Artillery... Association of Great Britain.
Capt. Purdy, Commander of the Govern-... ment steamer "Newfield" which took the... Canadian goods to France for the Paris Ex-... hibition, reports to the Marine Department... that he arrived at Havre at noon, of the 30th... ult., after a passage of thirteen days from... Halifax. During part of two days the steam-... er lay to owing to a heavy gale from the east. On the 2nd he proceeded from Havre up the... river to Rouen, where he arrived in the af-... ternoon of the same day. Messrs. Keefe and... Perrault came to Paris to meet him on the... following morning. Capt. Purdy has been... presented with a medal by some of the mem-... bers of the Chamber of Commerce, and they... desired him to bring before the notice of the... mercantile community of Canada the suita-... bility of Rouen as a shipping port, it being... one of the largest manufacturing towns in... France. Captain Purdy has been directed... by the Marine Department to return to Hal-... ifax with all suitable despatch.
The following items of interest from Win-... nipeg under date of January 17. It is expect-... ed a bill abolishing saloons in Winnipeg, and... imposing greater restrictions on hotels will... be introduced and carried this session.
An interesting debate took place in the leg-... islature on the resolution of Hon. C. Nolin... for a Committee to prepare a petition to the... Dominion Government respecting the seed... wheat advances. Several members stated... that at the present prices, which are the re-... sult of their being no means of transportation... to the eastern markets, settlers making re-... payments in kind had to give far bushels of... wheat for one advanced them by the relief... committee. The feeling of the House was... not to ask a remission of such debts, but that... payment should be accepted of bushel for... bushel. Carried.
Mr. Martin moved a resolution which was... unanimously adopted for an address to Ottawa... praying that the recent order requiring pay-... ment for lands in the settlement belt at five... dollars per acre be rescinded, and one dollar... substituted.
There is some excitement just now over the... arrest of an American on information given... by a volunteer officer, for having a Govern-... ment rifle out deer hunting. He was remand-... ed one week. Statements in the press go to... show that it has been the practice for civilian... members of the Rifle Association to abuse the... privilege of the loan of Government rifles... and a supply of ammunition at cost.
MISCELLANEOUS.
During a recent storm the fishing schooner... Little Kate went ashore at Duxbury, Mass.,... and the entire crew of fishermen were drown-... ed. The crew were all related either by... blood or marriage, and belonged to South... Boston. The names are as follows:—John A. Hines, captain; Martin Hines, Omer Hines, Jr.; Michael Hines, Thomas Hines, Michael Cosgrove, John King, Patrick King, Martin Fay, Morgan Flaherty, Michael Flaherty, Thomas Glinn and Michael O'Donnell. Seven... widows and twenty-one fatherless children are... left by the disaster.
Mr. Layard, British Ambassador at Con-... stantinople, has received a telegram from... Osborne, announcing that Queen Victoria has... subscribed £100 to the Turkish compassion-... ate fund.
Poultry is now cheaper in Boston than at... any time since the war, and a ten lb. turkey... can be bought near the Quincy market for... about the price of five pounds of sirloin steak... two years ago.
Italian vessels will shortly be despatched... to various Turkish ports, to protect the interests... of Italian subjects.
The United States Supreme Court has decid-... ed that the masters of vessels plying be-... tween the United States and the West Indies... are not required to call in the shipping com-... missioners when entering into contracts with... seamen, such voyages being expected out of... the operation of the Act, and that in such... voyages the owner, consignee or master of... the ship may lawfully perform the duties of... the Shipping Commissioner. The same ruling... has been made in regard to the coasting trade.
Statistics of vessels reported lost during the... month of November 1877.—Sailing Vessels—... 77 English, 21 German, 20 American, 14... French, 11 Norwegian, 7 Dutch, 7 Portu-... guese, 6 Swedish, 5 Danish, 5 Italian, 3 Aus-... trian, 1 Republic Argentine, 1 Belgian, 1 Rus-... sian, 8 of which the nationality is unknown;... total, 190. In this number are included 4 ves-... sels reported missing.—Steamers—10 Eng-... lish, 2 German, 1 American, 1 Italian, 1... Norwegian, 1 Spanish; total, 16. In this num-... ber are included 3 steamers reported missing.
A shipload of deserters arrived at Boston on... Sunday evening last on the schooner Rubina, from... Fayal, Capt. Steor in command. The des-... erters were from whaling vessels and were... 59 in number. Capt. Steor is indebted to the... U. S. Consul at Fayal for his cargo, which is... being guarded at present by the harbor Police, lest it should discharge itself before settled for.
The question between the Argentine Rep-... ublic and Chili, concerning the Patagonia... frontier has been arranged by an agreement... to submit it to arbitration, in accordance with... the provisions of the treaty of 1856.
It is said that Lord Yarmouth, who sits in... the English House of Commons, as one of... the representatives of South Warwickshire, will... at the present Session support a bill... making it imperative for all foreign cattle... to be slaughtered at the port of embarkation. He... thinks the Government ought to introduce... such a measure to protect the English farm-... ers, who are beginning to feel American com-... petition in the meat trade.
The Porte having addressed a note to Eng-... land, complaining of the warlike attitude of... Greece, the British Government has trans-... mitted it without comment to the English... Charge d'Affairs at Athens.
One hundred thousand pounds worth of... gold has been withdrawn from the Bank of... England for New York.
The Northumberland miners have decided... to appoint a committee to settle the dispute... with the masters—4,375 voting in favour of... the course, and 2,096 for the continuance of... the strike.
The United States Senate by a vote of 43... yeas to 23 nays, passed a concurrent resolu-... tion declaring that all bonds of the United... States issued are payable, principal and in-... terest, in not in violation of the public... faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the... public credit.

THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRES-... IDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DOMINION OF CAN-... ADA ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN ELECTED... EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ARTILLERY... ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN.
CAPT. PURDY, COMMANDER OF THE GOVERN-... MENT STEAMER "NEWFIELD" WHICH TOOK THE... CANADIAN GOODS TO FRANCE FOR THE PARIS EX-... HIBITION, REPORTS TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT... THAT HE ARRIVED AT HAVRE AT NOON, OF THE 30TH... ULT., AFTER A PASSAGE OF THIRTEEN DAYS FROM... HALIFAX. DURING PART OF TWO DAYS THE STEAM-... ER LAY TO OWING TO A HEAVY GALE FROM THE EAST. ON THE 2ND HE PROCEEDED FROM HAVRE UP THE... RIVER TO ROUEN, WHERE HE ARRIVED IN THE AF-... TERNOON OF THE SAME DAY. MESSRS. KEEFE AND... PERRAULT CAME TO PARIS TO MEET HIM ON THE... FOLLOWING MORNING. CAPT. PURDY HAS BEEN... PRESENTED WITH A MEDAL BY SOME OF THE MEM-... BERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THEY... DESIRED HIM TO BRING BEFORE THE NOTICE OF THE... MERCANTILE COMMUNITY OF CANADA THE SUITA-... BILITY OF ROUEN AS A SHIPPING PORT, IT BEING... ONE OF THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING TOWNS IN... FRANCE. CAPTAIN PURDY HAS BEEN DIRECTED... BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN TO HAL-... IFAX WITH ALL SUITABLE DESPATCH.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM WIN-... NEPEG UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 17. IT IS EXPECT-... ED A BILL ABOLISHING SALOONS IN WINNIPEG, AND... IMPOSING GREATER RESTRICTIONS ON HOTELS WILL... BE INTRODUCED AND CARRIED THIS SESSION.
AN INTERESTING DEBATE TOOK PLACE IN THE LEG-... ISLATURE ON THE RESOLUTION OF HON. C. NOLIN... FOR A COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A PETITION TO THE... DOMINION GOVERNMENT RESPECTING THE SEED... WHEAT ADVANCES. SEVERAL MEMBERS STATED... THAT AT THE PRESENT PRICES, WHICH ARE THE RE-... SULT OF THEIR BEING NO MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION... TO THE EASTERN MARKETS, SETTLERS MAKING RE-... PAYMENTS IN KIND HAD TO GIVE FAR BUSHELS OF... WHEAT FOR ONE ADVANCED THEM BY THE RELIEF... COMMITTEE. THE FEELING OF THE HOUSE WAS... NOT TO ASK A REMISSION OF SUCH DEBTS, BUT THAT... PAYMENT SHOULD BE ACCEPTED OF BUSHEL FOR... BUSHEL. CARRIED.

MR. MARTIN MOVED A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS... UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED FOR AN ADDRESS TO OTTAWA... PRAYING THAT THE RECENT ORDER REQUIRING PAY-... MENT FOR LANDS IN THE SETTLEMENT BELT AT FIVE... DOLLARS PER ACRE BE RESCINDED, AND ONE DOLLAR... SUBSTITUTED.
THERE IS SOME EXCITEMENT JUST NOW OVER THE... ARREST OF AN AMERICAN ON INFORMATION GIVEN... BY A VOLUNTEER OFFICER, FOR HAVING A GOVERN-... MENT RIFLE OUT DEER HUNTING. HE WAS REMAND-... ED ONE WEEK. STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS GO TO... SHOW THAT IT HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE FOR CIVILIAN... MEMBERS OF THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION TO ABUSE THE... PRIVILEGE OF THE LOAN OF GOVERNMENT RIFLES... AND A SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION AT COST.

MISCELLANEOUS.
DURING A RECENT STORM THE FISHING SCHOONER... LITTLE KATE WENT ASHORE AT DUXBURY, MASS.,... AND THE ENTIRE CREW OF FISHERMEN WERE DROWN-... ED. THE CREW WERE ALL RELATED EITHER BY... BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, AND BELONGED TO SOUTH... BOSTON. THE NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:—JOHN A. HINES, CAPTAIN; MARTIN HINES, OMER HINES, JR.; MICHAEL HINES, THOMAS HINES, MICHAEL COSGROVE, JOHN KING, PATRICK KING, MARTIN FAY, MORGAN FLAHERTY, MICHAEL FLAHERTY, THOMAS GLINN AND MICHAEL O'DONNELL. SEVEN... WIDOWS AND TWENTY-ONE FATHERLESS CHILDREN ARE... LEFT BY THE DISASTER.

MR. LAYARD, BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT CON-... STANTINOPLE, HAS RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM... OSBORNE, ANNOUNCING THAT QUEEN VICTORIA HAS... SUBSCRIBED £100 TO THE TURKISH COMPASSION-... ATE FUND.
POULTRY IS NOW CHEAPER IN BOSTON THAN AT... ANY TIME SINCE THE WAR, AND A TEN LB. TURKEY... CAN BE BOUGHT NEAR THE QUINCY MARKET FOR... ABOUT THE PRICE OF FIVE POUNDS OF SIRLOIN STEAK... TWO YEARS AGO.

ITALIAN VESSELS WILL SHORTLY BE DESPATCHED... TO VARIOUS TURKISH PORTS, TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS... OF ITALIAN SUBJECTS.
THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HAS DECID-... ED THAT THE MASTERS OF VESSELS PLYING BE-... TWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST INDIES... ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CALL IN THE SHIPPING COM-... MISSIONERS WHEN ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH... SEAMEN, SUCH VOYAGES BEING EXPECTED OUT OF... THE OPERATION OF THE ACT, AND THAT IN SUCH... VOYAGES THE OWNER, CONSIGNEE OR MASTER OF... THE SHIP MAY LAWFULLY PERFORM THE DUTIES OF... THE SHIPPING COMMISSIONER. THE SAME RULING... HAS BEEN MADE IN REGARD TO THE COASTING TRADE.

STATISTICS OF VESSELS REPORTED LOST DURING THE... MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1877.—SAILING VESSELS—... 77 ENGLISH, 21 GERMAN, 20 AMERICAN, 14... FRENCH, 11 NORWEGIAN, 7 DUTCH, 7 PORTU-... GUESE, 6 SWEDISH, 5 DANISH, 5 ITALIAN, 3 AUS-... TRIAN, 1 REPUBLIC ARGENTINE, 1 BELGIAN, 1 RUS-... SIAN, 8 OF WHICH THE NATIONALITY IS UNKNOWN;... TOTAL, 190. IN THIS NUMBER ARE INCLUDED 4 VES-... SELS REPORTED MISSING.—STEAMERS—10 ENG-... LISH, 2 GERMAN, 1 AMERICAN, 1 ITALIAN, 1... NORWEGIAN, 1 SPANISH; TOTAL, 16. IN THIS NUM-... BER ARE INCLUDED 3 STEAMERS REPORTED MISSING.

WESLEYAN ALMANAC FEBRUARY, 1878.

New Moon, 3 day, 4h, 5m, Morning. First Quarter, 10 day, 5h, 3m, Morning. Full Moon, 17 day, 5h, 3m, Morning. Last Quarter, 25 day, 10h, 3m, Afternoon.

Table with columns for Day of Week, SUN (Rises Sets, Rises Souths Sets), MOON (Rises Sets, Rises Souths Sets), and TIDES (Rises Sets, Rises Souths Sets).

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Setting gives the time of high water at Falmouth, Cornwall, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro. High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax.

HARVEY'S REMINISCENCES OF DANIEL WEBSTER.

WEBSTER'S PRAYERS. John Colby was a harum scarrum, godless fellow, who married Webster's eldest half sister. Learning of his conversion, Webster who had not seen the man (much his senior, by the way), since childhood, called upon him for curiosity's sake to witness the change that conversion had wrought in him.

"Is it possible," said Mr. Colby when the embarrassment of the first shock of recognition was past, "that you have come up here to see me? Is this Daniel?"

Why, I cannot believe my senses. Why, Daniel, I read about you, and hear about you in all ways. Your name seems to be constantly in the newspapers. They say that you are a great man, and you can't tell how delighted I am when I hear such things. But, Daniel, the time is short—you won't stay her long—I want to ask you one important question: You may be a great man; are you a good man? Are you a Christian man? Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? That is the only question that is worth asking or answering.

You know, Daniel, what I have been. I have been one of the wickedest of men. But the Spirit of Christ and Almighty God has come down and plucked me as a brand from the everlasting burning. If you do not love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth all your worldly honors will sink to utter nothingness. Are you a Christian? Do you love Christ? You have not answered me."

All this was said in the most earnest and even vehement manner. "John Colby," replied Mr. Webster, "you have asked me a very important question and one which should not be answered lightly. I intend to give you an answer, and one that is truthful, or I won't give you any. I hope that I am a Christian; I profess to be a Christian. But while I say that, I wish to add—and say it with shame and confusion of face—that I am not such a Christian as I wish I were. I have lived in the world surrounded by its honors and its temptations; and I am afraid, John Colby, that I am not so good a Christian as I ought to be. I am afraid I have not your faith and your hopes; but still I hope and trust that I am a Christian, and that the same grace which has converted you and made you an heir of salvation, will do the same for me. I trust it; and I also trust, John Colby—and it won't be long before our summons will come—that we shall meet in a better world, and meet those who have gone before us, whom we knew, and who trusted in that same divine free grace. It won't be long. You cannot tell, John Colby, how much delight it gave me to hear of your conversion. What a wicked man you used to be!"

"Oh Daniel!" exclaimed Colby, "You don't remember how wicked I was; how ungrateful I was; I never cared for God; I was worse than the heathen, until I was arrested by the grace of Christ and made to see my sinfulness. And I wish, Daniel, that you might be a powerful Christian, and I trust you are, Daniel," he added with deep earnestness of voice, "Will you pray with me?"

We knelt down and Mr. Webster offered a most touching and eloquent prayer. As soon as he had pronounced the "Amen," Mr. Colby followed in a most pathetic, stirring appeal to God. He prayed for the family, for me and for everybody. Then we rose; and he seemed to feel a strange happiness in having thus joined

his spirit with that of Mr. Webster in prayer.

The brothers-in-law soon took an affectionate leave of each other, and we left. Mr. Webster could hardly restrain his tears. When we got into the wagon he began to moralize.

"I should like," said he, "to know what the enemies of religion would say to John Colby's conversion. There was a man as unlikely, humanly speaking, to become a Christian as any man I ever saw. He was reckless, heedless, impious. Whatever people may say," added Mr. Webster, "nothing can convince me that anything short of the grace of Almighty God could make such a change as I with my own eyes have witnessed in the life of John Colby."

WEBSTER'S COURTSHIP.

The following has been related as the manner in which Mr. Webster became engaged to his loving and devoted wife. He saw her first when he was a young lawyer at Portsmouth, and she was Miss Grace Fletcher. At one of his visits he had, probably with a view of utility and enjoyment, been holding skeins of silk thread for her, when suddenly he stopped, saying:—

"Grace, we have been engaged in untying knots; let us see if we can tie a knot, which will not untie for a lifetime."

He then took a piece of tape, and after beginning a knot of a peculiar kind, gave it to her to complete. This was the ceremony and ratification of their engagement. And in the little box marked by him with the words "Precious Documents," containing the letters of his early courtship, this unique memorial was found—the knot never untied.

To the memory of the lady who won his earliest affection, who shared the trials and the triumphs of his early manhood. Mr. Webster retained to the end of life an unflinching devotion. He could never speak of his first wife without visible emotion. Grace Fletcher Webster was a person of very delicate organization, both physically and intellectually; yet she was energetic, and when occasion required, she exhibited a rare fortitude. To her husband's welfare she was entirely devoted. She presided over his household with peculiar grace and dignity, and really seemed to live for him. When he was at home she sought his comfort and pleasure; when he was absent her thoughts, as her beautiful letters testify, were of him day and night. She wrote to him almost daily.

NAPPAN, Jan. 15 1877.

MR. EDITOR, Last evening a donation in behalf of Rev. R. B. Mack was given in the Church here. The programme was rather unusual for such a meeting. The first thing that met the visitors eye on entering the chapel was a grand compound picture about 7 feet by 20 feet, showing the Jewish tabernacle, altar, court and all the principal articles connected therewith. After a hymn Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe engaged in prayer. J. R. Pipes, Esq., was then asked to fill the chair. In a few well chosen words he stated the object of the meeting, being as he said, a double one a lecture and donation. Rev. Mr. Mack then held the audience while he pointed out the types and shadows of Christ as represented in the Temple. At every turn of the subject the Lecturer paused to breathe, when the choir, Miss Forrest presiding at the organ, taking up his last words sung tunes to suit each division of the discourse. After the lecture we were delighted and edified by humorous and sensible speeches from Revs. Black, Lane and Sutcliffe, all of which strongly hinted to the audience the propriety of making a handsome donation. The people then responded in a practical manner by placing \$86 on the table. During the contributions the Rev. Mr. Lane, (presiding at the organ,) gave some excellent music.—Sentinel.

To make a purchase, a rather dignified young lady entered a florist's, when she was accosted as follows by a shrill voice resembling that of an old woman:—"Shut the door. Don't you know any better? It's cold outside!" Very much over come by mortification and embarrassment, she looked about for the speaker saying, "Excuse me, but the wind blew so I could hardly close the door." "Well, wind your eye, miss, and don't do it again!" pursued the voice, when to her great astonishment and amusement the young lady found that she had been conversing with a parrot. Annoyed at the bird for deceiving her, she young lady turned her back to the cage, and was intent upon examining some flowers. Suddenly the same voice, or what seemed to be, said to her, "What can I do for you, miss?" "If you hold your tongue, I shall be gratified above all things," replied the young lady, turning round as she spoke and discovering the shop-woman,

NIGHT HYMN BEFORE SABBATH.

In the dark and silent night, Ere has broke the lonely light, We arise, to Thee we pray; Lord, the service of the day.

Holy Comforter, to Thee Our glad prayers offer we; With the eternal Father one, One with the eternal Son.

Pity this frail flesh of ours, Which, with all his subtle powers The old tempter would assail— Let him not, O Lord, prevail.

Lord to Thee the flock pertains; Let it not be held in chains; Thou, O Jesus, with Thy blood, Hast redeemed that flock to God.

Loving gracious Shepherd keep Watch o'er these, Thy wand ring sheep; Bring them to the fold above— On the shoulders of Thy love.

Smite the hellish enemy, Bid the Prince of darkness flee; Drive the robber-fend away; From his jaws, O pluck the prey.

Triumph now, O Christ our Lord; Angel-choirs, with glad accord, Sound the praises of our King, Holy, holy, holy sing.

Glory to the Father give; Glory to the equal Son; Glory to the Spirit give, While eternal ages run.

—From the Latin.

OBEYING OUR GUIDE.—I went up a great mountain yesterday, more than ten thousand feet high. On my way there was pointed out to me a place where a fringed of mine met with a severe accident a few years ago. My guide had been also his. "How did it happen?" said I. The reply was: "He did not obey his guide. He would go by a way against which I warned him." Even so, thought I, we must obey our heavenly guide, if we would journey safely. Faith is implicit reliance, and this implies unquestioning obedience. We must go only where our Saviour leads us. We are sure to stumble if we leave His side.—Newman Hall.

SHE WAS A STRANGER.

A missionary was requested to go out to a new settlement to address a Sabbath school. He had preached in the morning and was wearied and felt quite unfitted for the task, but reluctantly consented to go.

When he found himself at the spot he looked around the assembly with great misgivings, not knowing what to say to them. He noticed a little girl shabbily dressed and barefooted, shrinking in a corner, her little sunburnt face buried in her hands; the tears trickling between her small brown fingers, and sobbing as if her heart would break. Soon however another little girl, about eleven years old, got up and went to her, and taking her by the hand led her toward a brook then seated her on a log, and kneeling beside her took off her ragged sun bonnet, and dipping her hands in the water, bathed her hot eyes and tear stained face, and smoothed the tangled hair, talking in a cheery manner all the while.

The little one brightened up, the tears all went, and smiles came creeping around the rosy mouth.

The missionary stepped forward and said:—"Is that your little sister, my dear?"

"No, sir, answered the noble child, with tender, earnest eyes, "I have no sister, sir."

Oh, one of the neighbors children replied the missionary; a little school-mate perhaps?"

"No, sir; she is a stranger. I do not know where she came from; I never saw her before." Then how came you to take her out and have such a care for her if you do not know her?"

"Because she was a stranger, sir, and seemed all alone and needed somebody to be kind to her."

"Ah," said the missionary to himself, here is a text for me to preach from, "Because she was a stranger, and seemed all alone, and needed somebody to be kind to her." The words came to him, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

So, taking the little girls by the hand, he went back to the school-room and told the people the simple story, then spoke of the great love that all should bear to one another, even as the dear Saviour sought out those who were humble and of low estate, making them his peculiar care. The missionary forgot his weariness, and felt God had put a good word in his mouth.

BREVITY IN THE PULPIT.

Dr. Chalmers writes that when he opened Edward Irving's chapel in London, the congregation had already been assembled three hours. Irving said that he would assist by reading a chapter in the Bible. He chose the very longest chapter of the Scriptures, and went on with an exposition for an hour and a half! When Dr. Chalmers' turn came to preach, he said to himself, "Of what use can I be in an exhausted receiver?" On another occasion Irving offered Chalmers the same aid, saying, "I can be short." "How short?" He answered, "Only one hour and forty minutes." "Then I must decline the favor." At evening prayers, Irving was once invited to read the Bible and expound. He began and continued a discourse which manifested not even a tendency toward termination until midnight. The supper was, of course, either burnt up or grown cold. When the clock struck twelve, Mr. P. tremblingly and gently suggested to him that it might be desirable to draw to a close. "Who art thou," he replied, with prophetic energy, "who dares to interrupt the man of God in the midst of his administration?" He pursued his commentary for some time longer, then closed the book, and waving his long arm over the head of his host uttered an audible and deliberate prayer that his offence might be forgiven.

A preacher in Jersey City remarked, as he introduced the speaker of the evening, "I will just say one word," and talked a half hour by the watch. He did not mean to tell a lie, but had no conception of the passage of time. It is one of the hardest things in the world to be short. Usually those who begin with a promise of brevity are those who weary with prolixity. Know what you have to say; say it, and stop.

FORM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

In ecclesiastical controversies many words have been wasted in contentions respecting the obligation of the modern church to conform itself to the models created by the apostles. We conceive that where there is no law there is no obligation, and we look in vain through the New Testament for any general commands applicable to church organization, except the principles laid down by Jesus as stated above. The apostles did not profess to act from special inspiration when they ordained the seven deacons, when they encouraged a settled ministry, or in giving any other ecclesiastical counsel on questions not covered by the universal principles propounded by their Master. Why, then, should we set up such a claim in their behalf? Why not accept what seems obvious on the very surface of the sacred record, that, guided by the light of those principles, they did what seemed best under the circumstances? If the reader chooses to believe that they were specially inspired to that end, we shall not controvert his belief. We believe they were left to act in details as their reason dictated. The universal church has the same liberty; only she must conform herself to the grand principles of ministerial parity, individual equality, limited ecclesiastical authority, and ceremonial simplicity, so clearly taught by her great Head. They alone are her infallible guides. Following them she will retain her purity. Departing from them she will find herself troubled with dissensions, impeded in her work, and corrupted in her life.—National Repository for February.

BEARING FALSE WITNESS.

"What is the ninth commandment?" said a teacher to a boy in a Sunday School.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

"What is bearing false witness against your neighbor?"

"It is telling a falsehood."

"That is partly true; and yet it is not exactly the right answer, because you may tell a falsehood about yourself."

Then turning to a very little girl, she said:—"It is when nobody did anything, and somebody went and told of it."

"That will do," said the teacher, with a smile.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

(For the Wesleyan.) THE STANDARDS OF THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

When Israel's children marched through the Red Sea And wilderness, to gain the promised land, Twelve standards waved their flowing banners, Portioned to each by Jacob's dying hand. His father's might, the first-born Reuben saw, Beginning of his strength, foremost in the van, Excellent in power, and heir of dignity; But weak, unstable, water is his sign. The cruel sword of Simeon gleams and glows, Who joined with Levi, hearing not the cry, Of innocence to heaven, the life blood flows; They scattered are amidst their enemies. Next Judah's kingly lion, crouching down, Judah's! at whom his brethren's standards bow, This is the royal sceptre, and the crown. Till Shiloh comes, its gems shall grace his brow, Thou art the one whom all thy brethren praise, The mighty nations gather unto thee; Thy hand shall be on all thy enemies; Thy life be crowned with full prosperity; Thy portion, Zebulon, was by the sea, Where those who sat in darkness saw great light; Where Jesus and his friends were wont to be, One of thy ships gleams on thy standard high, A strong ass with his burdens crouching low, Is Issachar's, whose tents adorn the plain; What Israel should do, thy sons do know, And shout with Deborah, over Jabins slain, And onward march thy sons, judicial high, O Lord, they all for thy salvation wait; This serpent lives the leader in the van, And backward falls the rider in his gate, God shall be overcome, a troop shall rise, And downward shall his waving flag be cast; But he shall conquer his proud enemies, And triumph over all his foes at last, Blessed be Asher in his family, With all of Canaan's royal dainties fed; And as his happy days his strength shall be, In shoes of iron shall his steps be led; O Naphtali, favored of the Lord, and blest, How goodly are the sayings of thy mouth; Thy leaping hind shall hasten to the West, Thy children shall possess it, and the South, Blessings are showered on Joseph's goodly line, To the far bounds of the eternal hills; The fruitful bough is given for his sign, The God of Jacob is his guard from ill, The youngest Benjamin, beloved of the Lord, Whose enemies are given him for a prey; Shall ravine as a wolf, his victor sword, Divide rich spoils of war at close of day.

THE PANAMA WHARF.

Charlie and Lucy were sitting one evening on the Uncle's knee. "Uncle," said Lucy, who was a dear child, "what did the minister mean this afternoon at church when he said that 'the man who despises small things shall fall by little and little'?" "Well, Lucy, my dear," replied Uncle George, "I think that you will understand me better if I tell you a story. 'Many years ago, I was visiting at Panama. This is a place which you will find on your map, south of the United States and Mexico.' 'I remained here for many months. Near my hotel was a very large wharf. Year after year the ships had come up to it, and had unloaded their cargoes. It was built at very large expense, and every person thought it entirely safe. Merchants often permitted thousands of dollars worth of goods to remain on it over night. It was the custom of the wharf superintendent to examine it every month. Now, while I was there, the report was spread that some little insects were eating away the wood. He looked at the place, but said it was of no consequence—that there were only a few insects that could do no great harm. Month after month passed, and still these little creatures ate away at the wharf. They did not seem to be numerous, and but little attention was paid to them. 'One day, as I was looking out of my window, I heard a dreadful crash, and behold, the whole immense wharf had sunk into the sea. Sixty or seventy persons were killed and an immense amount of property was destroyed—all by the work of these tiny little insects. Afterwards it was found that they had eaten for years at the wood. Had they been stopped at once, no harm could have come; but the superintendent thought them too small to notice, he despised them because they were so small. 'Children,' said Uncle George, 'be careful of little things. Whenever you discover a bad little habit, kill it at once. If you don't it may kill you. Ask God for Jesus' sake, to help you, and He will for He has promised to hear those who ask Him.—S. S. Visitor.

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WONDERFUL PUSSY.

Oh where is my kitten, my little gray kitten? I've looked in the house all round; I've looked in the cradle and under the table, I've looked in the wood pile, and stayed there a good while, But never my kitty came out.

I've been in the attic and made a great racket; I peeped into little Dick's bed; I've looked in the stable, as much as I'm able; I've hunted the wood-house and shed.

I called little Rover to hunt the field over And help find my kitty for me; No dog could be kinder, but he could not find her, Oh, where can my poor kitty be?

I saw a boy trundle away a small bundle, And drop it down into the brook, Could that be my kitty, so cunning and pretty? I think I will run there and look.

For there is no knowing what people are throwing When things are tied up in a sack; Whatever they carry, not long do they tarry, And always they come empty back. —Children's Friend.

BILLY BOOSEY'S DONKEY.

BY REV. FREDERICK WAGSTAFF.

Billy Boosey was a quaint old man, who lived at the corner of the common years ago when I was a lad; and while he was ready to turn his hand to all kinds of work, he mainly depended for his livelihood on the produce of a small garden, and the money he would earn of a donkey and cart. Billy treated his donkey as kindly as it was possible, and although he could afford neither to buy corn for it nor keep it in a grand stable, the animal was always in good condition, and would draw a heavy load behind him, or carry one on his back at a capital speed. We juveniles paid many a penny for a ride on Billy Boosey's donkey.

One day, Neddy's unwillingness to "go" amounted fairly to obstinacy, and when Johnny White had paid his penny, and mounted in gleeful anticipation, not a step would Neddy budge. "Make him go, Billy!" was the cry. Thus urged, Billy shouted, whistled, and flourished his arms and clapped his hands, but all in vain; only when the stick was applied pretty vigorously did Neddy condescend to start. And when he did go, he did go, as people say: at full speed, off across the common, boys, Billy, and all, shouting at his heels. It was rare fun!

Presently Johnny White began to feel uncomfortable. Neddy was going at full speed toward the big pond, and not the slightest use was it for Johnny to pull with all his might and main at the reins. The cry now was, "Stop him Billy! make him stop!" To this Billy could not reply, as he came panting along, far in the rear, "Pull, Johnny! pull!" The catastrophe came at last. Rushing full tilt to the edge of the pond, Neddy there came suddenly to a stand-still, and over went Johnny, splash into the water. A pretty picture he looked, I can tell you, when we pulled him out. Just as we had done so, Billy Boosey came panting up, and was assailed on all hands with, "Why didn't you stop him?"

"Boys!" said Billy, as soon as he could recover his breath sufficiently to speak—"Boys, I could make him go, but I couldn't make him stop." And do you mind, youngsters, as you go through life, and not get into bad habits, or it'll be easier to start than to stop. Specially take care what sort of company you keep. Fight shy of 'em lads that swear and smoke, and tell lies and drink. If you get started there you'll maybe find yourselves shot over into a deeper pond than that you've fished Johnny White out of."

They were simple words; but the old man's advice was good, and many of us, I doubt not, remembered it long after. We took Johnny home and he was put to bed; but he had a terrible bad cold after his famous ride and his bath. He is dead now, poor fellow. As he grew up he took no heed to Billy's counsel; but seemed newer so happy as when he could get with those who delighted to do just what the old man so earnestly cautioned us against. He got into disgrace early, and more than once before he was twenty was Johnny taken off to the county jail. When he found his character was altogether gone, and he could get no work, he tried his hand at being a soldier. He was not in the army long. Drink was his besetment, and at last was his death. He died in the hospital from injury received in a drunken quarrel.

It is many a long year since we used to play together on that common; but I often have those days brought to mind, for I never see a youth neglecting his Sunday School, and spending his time at street corners, and associating with evil companions, without thinking of the old man's words about it being easier to start than to stop. Some lads I have seen who have withstood the temptation a long time, and then given way at last. Some of these have become the worst when they have at length broken away from the restraints of home and friends; and sometimes, as I notice how such a one goes from bad to worse, I think to myself, "Poor young fellow! I'm afraid he has started off on Billy Boosey's donkey." —Christian Weekly.

UNCLE MOSES' LESSON.

The Memphis Avalanche says: Uncle Moses is the chief executive of a suburban colored Sunday-school. Last Sunday, raising his black face with its snowy fringe, he peered over his antebellum 'stock' and collar at the little nigs, who were blazing like bees in a hive just under his nose.

"Ordah! children, ordah! Don't yer hear me, chillen? Little Jim Lumkins, dere, heah dat talkin' like a consterble on 'lection day." When Jimmie ceased his conversation, the chief executive resumed: "I calls de detenshun ob de school ter de way youse been a carryin' on dis bressed day. Wot yer been doin'? Yer knows! An' de way yer tongues is a bin carussatin' is scanious." The black fingers pushed the tall collar back and pulled the black chin forward, "Now, I puts it ter yer, and do yer all lissen, an' you, too, Lizzie Millens, I ax yer dis question—How menny eyes yer chillens got?" Chorus—"Two." "How menny mouves yer got?" Unanimously—"One." "What does dat mean? It means yer mus' see twice es much es yer tells. Now, how menny yeres yer got?" Chorus—"Two." "An' how menny mouves?" "One." "Dat means yer mus' hear twice es much es yer talks. Now 'member dis lessen, an' you, Henry Giles, contribute de pappr's roun' 'fore we jines in prayer."

A CASE OF CONSUMPTION.

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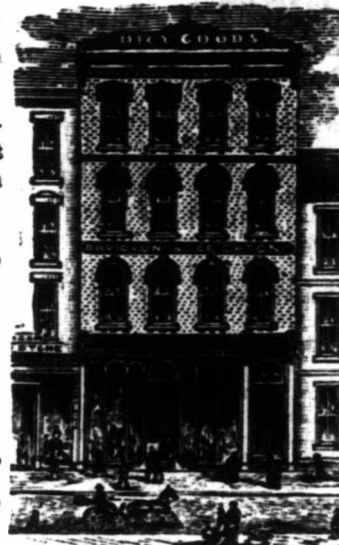
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