



Provincial Wesleyan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1865.

Our Financial District Meetings.

The period is at hand when the Financial Meetings for the several Districts of our Connection will be held. A principal part of the business of these Meetings, of course, will be in relation to financial matters; but no one that is acquainted with the Wesleyan system of finance can be ignorant of the fact that these Meetings are also, and essentially, meetings for the instruction and edification of the members of the Church, in the matter of their financial duties.

In each one of the Districts of our Connection will be found some circuits more or less dependent on the financial aid of the District. It is the duty of the members of these circuits to contribute to the support of their own churches, and to the support of the District, in proportion to their ability. It is the duty of the District to receive the contributions of its members, and to distribute them for their proper use.

The resolutions of the Conference on this subject are as follows: 1. That John Starr, Esq., and the Rev. Jas Taylor be requested to act as Treasurers of this Fund for the ensuing year, and the Rev. D. D. Corrie as General Secretary. 2. That in accordance with our standing rule which makes provision for the support of the children of the members of the Church, the Districts shall provide for the support of the children of the members of the Church, in proportion to their ability.

Table with columns: DISTRICTS, MEMBERS, CHILDREN. Lists various districts and their corresponding member and child counts.

The Financial District Meeting has done not only with the probable income and expenditure of each circuit, but also with the probable receipts in aid of the Contingent and Home Mission Funds. It is dispositive of the meeting, and upon this Fund it is to be estimated, there must from year to year be some estimate made, judging by the liberality of previous years. This is the duty of the members of the Church, and it is the duty of the District to receive the contributions of its members, and to distribute them for their proper use.

Arrangements are made at the Financial District Meetings for the examination of the ministerial candidates, which take place at the Spring District Meetings. By a prospective arrangement we may ensure that this important duty shall be attended to with thoroughness and dispatch. The attention of the candidates is to be directed to the studies they are expected to pursue, and the brethren are appointed who will be specially required to conduct the examination upon the several studies, according to the years and standing of the candidates.

Another matter for present consideration, as directed by the Conference, is in relation to the Missionary Societies, in ascertaining whether the order of the year in regard to holding Jubilee Meetings has been observed, and what steps should be had with such districts. It is further ordered that the Superintendents of these Societies from which complete Lists of subscriptions to this Fund have not been forwarded, be directed to the studies they are expected to pursue, and the brethren are appointed who will be specially required to conduct the examination upon the several studies, according to the years and standing of the candidates.

Claims of Colleges and College Professors.

The Rev. Dr. Colleigh, Editor of Zion's Herald, in an article upon the Wesleyan University, has expressed the opinion that the efficiency of the Institution, and the credit due to President Cummings, as follows: Few men know the anxiety he has felt during these years, the hours that he has spent in thinking and contriving for the future prosperity of the College, when others have been asleep.

One thing tries us, and tries them. We speak from experience, and understand what we say. There is a great want of interest in certain portions of our church for our literary institutions. If another college or seminary, under the patronage of some other denomination, is a little nearer home, where students can be sent for a few dollars less, or where there are a few more attractions, some are sure to send to other institutions. They prefer to build up the schools of other denominations by their patronage, rather than their own.

From the cottage prayer-meeting—of which I spoke in the closing paragraph of my last—we were obliged to seek a more commodious place of worship. The sacred flame spread in the sanctuary, and the congregation was so large that the room was not sufficient to hold them. The altar was borne suddenly back, the altar cloth was removed, and the altar itself was raised up, and the altar cloth was removed, and the altar itself was raised up, and the altar cloth was removed.

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Rhetoric and Logic.

We comment to Students generally, and especially to Candidates for the ministry, the following just observations, from the pen of the editor of the Zion's Herald, on the importance of the two branches of study above named.

Writing and speaking have become powerful instruments for moving the people. A popular man is "the pen is mightier than the sword." Speaking in the pulpit, is equally if not more influential. Entertainment, pleasure, and instruction, are eagerly and almost universally sought from the writers of the day, and the speakers of the hour. God and evil will flow through both of these channels.

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The Atlantic Cable.

The greatest interest attaches to the Atlantic Cable, the most valuable prize of the age. The following commencement of operations for the completion of the London Times, July 26th.

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Like manner. He fills his arms with books...

He first became the subject of serious impressions under the preaching of the Rev. John Turner, Baptist minister, then a resident of St. John's, N. F., who earnestly pleaded with him privately, and exhorted him to become a soldier of Christ. I often conversed with him in reference to his soul's eternal welfare, and on several occasions he seemed deeply affected, feeling desirous to be a follower of Jesus, but remaining halting between two opinions, until as it were the devil would steal away the seed from the ground where it had not much earth, when he would again lose these good impressions and become careless.

At length the doctor completes his assortment of books and papers, packs or rather stuffs his clothes into a carpet-bag, no key to lock it, it is the handles, and leaves it gaping. At length we are ready to start. A trunk tumbles out of one side as Thomas tumbles in on the other. At length all are aboard, and father drives out of the yard, holding the reins with one hand, shaking hands with a student with the other, giving Charles directions with his mouth, at least that part not occupied with an apple; for show apples were plenty, he had made it a practice to drive with one hand on the right hand and the other in the left with an apple in each, biting them alternately, thus raising and lowering the reins like threads in a loom. Away we go. Charly's horse on the full canter down the long hill, the carriage bouncing and bounding over the stones, father alternately telling Tom to get his horse under control and showing me the true doctrine of original sin. Hurrah! we thunder alongside the boat just in time.

Obituary.

Paula builds a bridge across the gulf of death. Death's terror is the mountain faith removes. From every clamorous charge, the guiltless tomb. Nothing can more encourage the minister of Christ to prosecute his holy calling with unflinching energy, than witnessing the triumphant departure of those who have been brought to the knowledge of the truth, through the instrumentality of a preached Gospel. As he from time to time visits the sick chamber, and sees the earthly tabernacle tottering to its final fall, and bends over the couch, and beholds a Christian die with "Gory in his view," his soul is stirred to the centre, containing him to exclaim, "Thy work is true, O God, thou hast administered life, and salvation in Jesus' name."

Mrs. Hannah Mitchell, of Berlin, N. F.

Who may be truly designated a "mother in Israel," fell asleep in Jesus, on the morning of June 14th, in the 77th year of her age. When first Wesleyan Missionary found his way to this hitherto neglected and spiritually desolate place, and lifted up the banner of Methodism in the name of the Lord, Mrs. Mitchell was "baptized" by the Spirit's sword, and then by the blessed water of the Word.

Obtaining redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins, she "conferred not with flesh and blood," but immediately identified herself with the "sect every where spoken against," wholly desisting from all worldly connections, and dedicating her talents and her God her God. This decision was followed by a uniform walk, worthy of the high name by which she was called. For nearly half a century did she "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour," by being a consistent follower of them, "who through faith and patience inherit the promise." Consequently when the "last enemy" approached, he did not surprise her by her lamp untrimmed. Her work was done—she was ready. Though her bodily suffering was protracted and severe, yet her faith was never shaken for a moment. Firmly fixed upon the everlasting Rock, and full of glorious hope, she entered "The house of our Father above."

On Sabbath afternoon, June the 18th, her mortal remains were conveyed to their last resting place, followed by a long train of mourners, and hundreds of others, anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to one of the most respectable inhabitants of this community.

Mrs. Mary Ann Britt

Entered into rest on the 15th of June, aged 23 years. This dear sister fell a victim to that terrible scourge of the human race, consumption, which for years preyed upon her constitution, and reduced her to a perfect skeleton. Having enjoyed the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached by Wesleyan ministers from her childhood, she was frequently the subject of powerful conviction, and during the residence of the Rev. J. S. Peach on this Circuit, fully decided to be on the Lord's side, and united with the Church. During her last illness, though the deeply mourned having followed the Master to too great a distance, yet she could cast her care on Him who had said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." A few hours before "the wheels of life stood still," the "accuser of the brethren" was slain in Christ, and cause her to despair of acceptance. Being made aware of the fact, she hastened to her bed side, cast herself at the feet of Jesus, and implored Him to vanquish the tempter, when quickly the clouds dispersed. "The opening heavens around her shone."

George Dowdy, of the 8th Battery, N. F.

George Dowdy, the subject of this interesting notice, was a corporal in the 8th Battery of the 10th Brigade, N. F., which arrived at St. John's, N.B., 22nd January, 1862. He had been blessed with a pious mother, who died when he was about eighteen years of age. While standing by her death bed, listening to her earnest requests that she would meet him in heaven, but not knowing that she was so near her end, she fervently commended him to God, then turned aside, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. This bereavement affected him, that he left the paternal roof and immediately enlisted in the army. His character even then seems to have been more than ordinarily prudent, for he once gained the esteem and confidence of the officers under whom he was attached. Three years after his enlistment he was elevated to the rank of corporal, and promoted to a position of respectability and honor in the service he had chosen.



