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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An exchange asks; Are Churches mest ! Some are and some are not. st as some individuals are honest

Zion's Herald asks : Should not e old Athenian practice of fining a an for not voting be revived among

nd some are not. - Buptist Record.

The friend who persuades you to ance, during the festive season, in olation of the laws of your Church. nd your own sense of propriety, is ther thoughtless or wicked .- Holsn Methodist.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites Rome has decided that, in addition candles, gas cannot be used upon he altars, nor indeed without candles. The grounds of the decision are not

The Municipality of Rome has nade it law so far as the asphalte bourers are concerned, that the day f rest shall be observed : but, instead f styling it the "Lord's-day," they peak of it as one of "festive repose."
The measure is traced to the indefatvable labours of the Rev. F. Sciarelli, an Italian Wesleyan minister.

The people of Nebraska are trying he efficacy of a high license law as a estriction upon the evils of intempernce. The license for the sale of intoxcating liquors in cities of over ten housand inhabitants is one thousand lollars and five hundred dollars in cities of less than ten thousand in-

The Christian Index claims that one oor, poverty-stricken man or woman Christlike spirit is worth more to a hurch than a thousand unconverted lothschilds A niekle from one who who would not miss it.

Let us hope, in view of the increasing attention to the evils of the cusm, that ladies will not offer wine to their guests on the coming New Year's day. We make this early mention of it, in order that the matter may be freely talked over. There can be no doubt that the more it is talked about. the less favor the bad practice will find .- N. Y. Observer.

One of the best missionary speeches made at the late meeting of the American Board in Portland, Maine, was when men of wealth were pledging thousands to meet the increasing needs of the Board, a venerable man rose in the audience, and said "he had no money to give, and so he couldn't double on that; and he had no more children to give, for he had already given them all ; but he would promise to double his prayers.

The California Advocate having read an account of a Methodist "Entertainment," and the announcement of "a dance and an amusing farce," for the benefit of a Presbyterian Church, is moved to moralise as follows: "These holy frolics for the glory of God account for several things, and among them the utter uselessness of such churches. unquestionably misrepresent Jesus and his religion.

An appeal to Christendom has been published to subscribe for the complete restoration of the Castle Church, Wittenberg. This is the most celebrated church in evangelical Christen dom, because Martin Luther placard. ed his ninety-five theses on its door. The Prussian Parliament would not even vote a few pounds to this object, and therefore the thirty thousand pounds required is to be raised by public subscription.

scarcely done preaching in the Presbyterian church in Scotland before another scandal afflicted the high churchmen of England. The Earl of Shaftesbury has been laying the foun. I should, as soon as possible, give place dation stone of a Congregational to those who do.—V. W. Adv. church at West Kensington, London, and in doing so declared that he knew no difference between the faith of the Non-conformis's that he saw around

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, has just rendered a decision in the suit of Father Sheehan against Bishop Tuigg, of Pittsburgh, reversing Christ, and to Christ we must go, if the decision of the court below, which allowed Sheehan \$800 support for three years past, on the ground that the Bishop had refused to assign Sheehan a field of labor. The Supreme Court's decision held that there was no such contract relation between the Bishop and the priest as would sustain the action. - Independent.

It is hardly safe to trust short newspaper reports, but if there is any truth in an intimation from Washington, D.C., one of our ministers of himself, on Thanksgiving, in his open personal denunciation of a member of the national cabinet. It was proper for Nathan to speak directly to David, but then Nathan must be a prophet, and God must send him; and, besides, and more especially, Nathan must know certainly what he is talking about. - Zion's Herald.

The latest religious news from Spain clearly shows that religious liberty is merely a matter of locality; for a colporteur has been sent to prison and fined because he would not uncover and kneel before the riaticum as it passed while being carried by the priest to a dying person; while a lit-tle company assembled in another district, under the protection of the Mayor, to read and study the Scriptures, under the guidance of a new convert who had brought a single copy of the Scriptures from Monte Video.

The editor of this paper said to H. C. Murphy, the President of the Brooklyn Bridge Company, a few months ago, "When do you think that the Bridge will be open for travel?" He answered, "We shall open it, if the Legislature will give us the money, died. " In that very day his thoughts perish;" but work abides, and the Great Bridge will be a monument of his industry, persistence and shrewdness. -N. Y. Adr.

After giving various assertions, quotations and facts, concerning Dr. Pusey The Church Times says, "It is therefore, certain that he was perfectly cognisant of the nature of the movement which goes by the name of Ritualism; that he recognised in it a lawful and natural development of that which he had originated; and that he sympathised with it, and gave it all the support in his power." Just so. Ritualism is his memorial.

that such a blessing to the Church and a costly monument? - Methodist

The license given prisoners as to their talk on the scaffold is rather a piece of the show than a piece of humanity. The thoughts of a poor wretch in this condition, after months of continement and anxiety, and when face to face with what he most fears on earth, about either life or death or judgment, are of course worthless. They are nearly always incoherent maundering which it is an offence against humanity to allow him to utter in the presence of a curious crowd. The one thing he has a right to utter and should be permitted to utter, is a confession or denial of his guilt.

The United Presbyterian says: "As a rule teacher's meetings do not flourish. That is, the common weekly meetings for studying the lessons and attending to current business. Many of the teachers live far away from meeting places, others of them are so busily engaged that they cannot take time, and a not inconsiderable number do not lay the matter very seriously to heart. This is true in too many cases; but it ought not to be, and it Bishop Ryle, of Liverpool, had is the fault either of the teachers or of their leader. The business of teaching a Sunday school class is one whose importance it is difficult to overvalue and teachers who do not understand it

A step towards the due observance of the " Day of Rest" is announced in several journals of Vienna, where, in him and his own. - Evangelical Church. 'a large hall, a popular assembly, promoted by the printers of the capital, pronounced in favour of the limita-The flaming red posters which and tion of Sunday labour, and "the sup-Onnced Mr. Moody's meetings in pression of Monday morning papers. Paris were a surprise even to the The three thousand persons present process, fir they were were chiefly of the working class, and unaware that such fiberty in the mat united in voting an order of the day, ter of religious announcements had declaring that, "having due regard to been obtained under the Republic, health and morals, and considering Furnariy the time and place of a re- that Sunday labour exerts an injuriwifer than the parish ous and demoralising influence upon sent allowed to be pub- the people, there is need for its suplisted, the many transfert libe pression, and therefore it became day papers." - Watchman.

CHRIST AND CHRISTMAS. Christmas came into the world by

we are to learn what it signifies or how to keep it. It represents to Christendom and to the personal believer a particular aspect of Christ's mediatorial manifestation, if we ought not rather to say a particular element of truth and power in his mediatorial step. "-Dr. C. Geikie. ministry. It offers him to our knowledge and love as a man. It discloses his character and office on their manward side. .There might have been made a anything but a gentleman always a Son of God, but no Son of ing the blue ribbon has force. It have been several conceivable modes progress of the Blue Ribbon Army, world might have been told, in words | Conference. so perfect as to admit no misunder- I was amused to notice in a news standing, and by great and good ex- paper report of a service he conductamples, such as no church court has ed, that he was called Doctor. Many canonized or martyrology recorded, of the Presidents of the Conference what the Almighty Father would have been D.D.'s and the reporter have his children to be, and how he evidently assumed that a President would forgive them if they failed. A must be a D.D. I hope, however, Mr. divine message might have been spok- Garrett will always be known and en by voices in the air, quite differ. loved as Charles Garrett, the man of ent from those heard by the shep- the people and the friend of the poor. herds, guiding them to no "Eternal He has visited places that do not Sothschilds. A nickle from one who in the Spring of next year." When he said "We" he doubtless expected to be present, but on last Friday he a book might have been written by who has heard him fr Child," proclaiming a " way of salva- often see a President, and this has tion" with no Saviour. Some sort of given innaemer To one inspiration of the Holy Ghost and very interesting to hear the friendly circulated everywhere by an occumeni- criticism of some of our people on cal Bible society, which would have these occasions. been immeasurably profitable for doc- "My word, he did give us a sertrine, for reproof, for instruction in mon; he knows how to preach, " regodliness. Christianity, however, marked one delighted hearer. "There would not have been, for that was was nothing official about it; I exborn at Bethlehem. There would pected something learned and dry. have been no Christianity without Little deeds, of kindness are not Christ, though, singularly enough, forgotten. "I knew," said another that is a thing which a considerable that he had a kind heart, for ten school of philosophers and neologists years ago he helped me with my parhave taken much pains to maintain cels into a railway carriage. we might have had, and some have "All the children of Liverpool even maintained that it is the thing know him," said a third. to the country that its author deserves we have. Christmas gives our race Yes, Charles Garrett knows how to

CHRIST'S BIRTH.

God in Man. - Bp. Huntingdon.

Infancy is forever dignitied by the manger of Bethlehem; womanhood is ennobled to its purest ideal in Mary: man, as such, receives abiding honor in the earliest accepted homage to her Son being that of the simplest dist.

A teacher has pointed some striking lessons on the way in which the whole incident was received, as St. Luke re-

Westenan.

REV. CHARLES GARRETT.

The President's example in wear-Man. There might have been a Gos- brings the movement under the atpel unembodied, as there is now in tention of our people wherever he some places something very like a preaches or speaks, awakens interest Gospel disembodied. There might and inquiry concerning the aims and of making God's will and mercy known removes existing prejudice, and ento men without the birth, life, passion, courages many a timed abstainer to death, and resurrection of the Jesus show the token. It is significant that of Bethlehem and Nazareth. There there is such a wide-spread revival of might have been a grander Moses, a Gospel Temperance during the year holier Samuel, a braver Elijab, a of the Jubilee of the movement, and saintlier and more illuminated David, that Charles Garrets, one of its early a more evangelical Isaiah; and the fruits, is President of the Wesleyan

the Son of God in the Son of Man, or get at the core. I knew a man in a North Lancashire town called "Blind James" who, after hearing him deliver a Temperance lecture, could scarcely believe that it was the great Charles Garrett because he had understood every word he had said. That was a high compliment worthy of Dr. Adam Clarke, of whom a similar incident is told .- Table Talk in Metho.

FATHER CHINIOTY.

lates, by those immediately concerned. interesting and important letter from to pamper pride and vanity—pitiful and Hindu faiths. Resolutions The shepherds spread abroad the story Pastor Chinique, in reference to the with hearts full of grateful adoration; Mission of Illinois: "Some people the hearers wonder at it, but Mary think that the great evangelical moveponders in her heart all that had been ment by which so many Roman Ca to the call of their gods-money, told her. "There were more virgins tholics were wrenched from the iron children, their own bodies and souls." in Israel, more even of the tribe of grasp of popery here in 1858, 1859, In Siam, in India, in China, wealthy David, than she," says the great 1860, is dying away. They are mis- natives expend from \$20,000 to \$150,preacher: "but she was the chosen of taken. If it had been Chiniquy's 000 each, annually, in offerings to God. It was natural, and it is easy to work, as too many supposed it was, their gods; and the poorer classes understand, that when a second ap- that would have been the case. But bring each as large offerings as they a recent Friday in all the mosques in pearance of angels, like that which she it was the Lord's work, and He has can procure, by denying themselves the city, that no Moslem should athad already experienced, was seen, taken care of it, He has blessed and even the necessaries of life, some saltend the Salvation meetings, on pain she should ponder in her heart their increased it every day since its very crificing their own children, and even of excommunication from Islam words, which concerned her so nearly. beginning. The last twelve months themselves, on their altars, to please But these orders are not heeded But if we ask ourselves, was this pon- have given us an accession of more their gods. Is our God of so much Mohammedans mingle freely with the dering the words in her hearf already than forty new communicants. It is less value to us that we can come bethe true faith that carries the blessing, a fact that not less than 1200 of our fore him with such a pittance, and ofthe fruitful seed of a personal relation converted families, these last tifteen ten of "that which cost us nothing ? Town Hall of Bombay, which is conto the Saviour ! did Mary already be years, have left this colony togo farther | Do we thus show our appreciation of | trolled by the government, but which lieve, firmly and immovably, that the west. At first I feared lest these new him and his blessings to us? Is not is freely granted for public gath rings Saviour of the world should see the ly born children of the Gospel might the first and greatest thing remaining religious and secular, has been denied light of life through her |-the Gos- forget the Evangelical truths they had to be done-the presenting of our bo- to the Salvation Army. Opiniona. pels leave us too clearly to think the just received. But almost every one dies, as well as our souls, as living may differ as to the methods and opposite. There was a time, long of these new converts has been turn sacrifices on the alter of our Gal? character of the Army; but these affer this, when Christ was already a ed into an apostle of Christ to some | Then shall we recognize our gold and can be but one as to the pare lat his ve teacher, when she wavered between of his Roman Catholic countrymen silver as his, and then we may be able him and his brethren, who did not whom he has meton our western praid to pray and labor in faith that the believe in him; when she went out ries. The God of the gospel has so the usands now devoted to the worship with them to draw him away from his much blessed their efforts that we do of false gods in heather lands may In arraging the programme for course, and bring him back to her not count now less than thirty con- labor be thrown into the treasury of your Constmant festivities, put a many this large was a structured with pression, and therefore it became the pression, and therefore it became the pression of the p who was hardly in his right mind. You will not go to any of the Western ! Gaspet in all Lands.

Firm, unwavering trust, that knows States of Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, THE SALVATION ARMY IN no passing cloud, is a work of time Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, Caliwith all who have an inner personal fornia, Colorado, Oregon, Washington nearness to the Saviour; and it was Territory, without finding some of so with Mary. She reached it only, them. I do not remember a single like us all, through manifold doubts week since my return from Australia and struggles of heart, by that grace that I have not heard the interesting from above which roused her ever story of some conversion by the inanew, and led her on from step to strumentality of our St. Anne converts. I do not exaggerate when I tell you that the number of these new converts cannot be less than 10,000.—

OUR GIVING FOR MISSIONS.

There are at least 700,000,000 of heathen, for whom all the Christian societies in the world expend about \$7,000,000, of which scarcely onethird is contributed by American societies. Let us place this amountwe will give the largest estimate and tions in Bombay, it is necessary for call it \$2,500,000-in one column, the members of any procession desiraud lest any one should say, "O, ing to use music to get a license from well, that is but one item of all our the commissioner of police. This gifts, we give largely in other direc- license had been applied for and granttions as well," we will place under ed; but, at the last moment, under this sum \$75,000,000, which will covinstructions telegraphed to him by er the aggregate of all which is con- the governor of Bombay, the commistributed yearly by American Churches sioner revoked the license. The Salfor all their benevolent and education vationists, however, paid no attention al institutions.

come perhaps nearer home to us Chris- of the Mohammed money to missions."

are paid out for ladies' foreign dress the Bombay police are clearly seen to goods; and we have the statement be nothing but the flimsy veil of aristhat the value of the kid gloves im. tocratic opposition to the Salvation ported into New York city alone, eve. Army. People of all religions, in difry year, is ten times as great as al | ferent parts of the country, are dethat goes out from all the missionary manding that the Salvationiats be societies in America, and that for ar- least, treated fairly and allowed the tificial flowers ladies spend each year same rights as are enjoyed by others. more than all the Churches to spread A large meeting has been held in the gospel. Does this look as though Calcutta to express sympathy with we had done all that we could ? How them. It was presided over by Mr. do these parallel columns look in the Keshub Chunder Sen, the head of the eyes of our Master? Does he acquit Brahmo Somaj, and addressed hu We condense for our readers a most us of all blame? Thousands of dollars speakers of the Christian, Brahmist

pennies to save souls. We are told that in heathen nations the people hold every thing subject

INDIA.

A detachment of the Salvation Army, consisting of three men and one woman, landed in Bombay a few weeks ago, to begin operations among the Hindus and Mohammedans. They undertook to work in their usual style and were met at once with violent opposition: not, as might have been supposed, from the people, but from the government officials, who are English and professedly Christian. The Salvationists wanted to parade the streets of Bombay with music. They got several common ox-carts, such as are used for transporting heavy merchandise. These they decorated and dubbed "war-chariots." Mounted on these, the Salvationists, with a few friends, began their march.

According to the municipal regulato this, and their cornet-player began Now in an opposite column let to blow as was his wont. He was as place the \$900,000,000 which immediately arrested. A day or two we spend yearly for intoxicating after, the entire detachment was ardrinks, the \$7,000,000 paid annually rested, because, as the police alleged. in New York city alone for theater- the procession which they insisted on going and other kindred amusements, making through a Mohammedan street and the \$80,000,000 paid yearly in the would sure by woke a breach of the United States for tobacco. And to peace. The religious susceptibilities tian women, we are told of weddings tender and they would not be able to costing tens and even hundreds of endure the sight of such a display of thousands of dollars; suppers cost- Christian zeal as the Salvation Army ing from \$1,000 to \$5,000! an en- contemplated. The members of the tertainment in one of our cities Army were brought into the police which cost \$20,000; a single bridal court and fined. Since then, stills dress costing \$5,000; and this is but persisting in marching, as they had a sample of what is occurring the perfect right to do, they have been arcountry through. Indeed, I could rested again. The venom with which give some even more startling statis- the government officials are persecutics. And yet we hear constantly the ing them is exciting much indignation. plea of poverty, often from the indi- in India. Religious processions are viduals who expend from \$5,000 to exceedingly common in Bombay, and \$10,000 per annum for dress alone. music is always used in connection. We cannot afford to give so much with them. Professors of different religions never dream of interfering It is estimated that \$125,000,000 with each other, and the pretexts of

> nouncing the Bombay police were dopted and a memorial was sent to the Viceroy. Meantime the Army in holding meetings in halls and tents in. Bombay, which are largely attended by natives and are said to be impressive. It is reported that the Mohammedan authorities have promulgated orders, which were read at worshippon crowds of Hindus and others who of the Bunday Government .- I rebe

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#### OUR HOME CIRCLE.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS.

The Christmas angels, is their mission end-

They are not seen by mortal eye, as when O'er Bethlehem's plain their shining troops descended, And chanted,

The voices that once joined the heavenly chorus, That mighty "Gloria" echoing far and

Are floating in the wintry starlight o'er us, And singing sweetly every Christmas-tide.

For over snow clad hills and moorlands dreary Is heard the rushing of each silver wing ; Wherever homes are sad, or hearts are weary, The blessed Christmas Angels come and

In the dim alleys of the crowded city They enter, where the sunbeams never came, Unbidden guests, yet full of tender pity

For all earth's butter misery and shame.

And then despairing hearts look up and wonder
Whence came that sudden hope they feel

Bidding them rise and break their bonds Those heavy fetters forced by want and

In the vast minster, where the anthems olden In glorious waves of music ebb and flow, Those voices from "Jerusaiem the Golden," Are singing ever with the Church below.

And in the rustic church that rises slowly Amid encircling hills or woodlands dim, The simple song of gratitude is holy, For angels join the poor man's Christmas

Those humble walls can boast no sculptured splendour, Yet is the ballelujah just as sweet; For angels and archangels sing, and render Their feeble notes all perfect and complete.

And we of them their gentle tones may bor row, While this old world is full of grief and

wrong! The word of sympathy in time of sorrow Is pure and precious as an angel's song.

And loving lips which faithfully endeavour To speak their Lord's glad tidings far and

near—
The old, old story that is new for ever— O, these are breathing heaven's own music

#### THE BIRTHPLACE OF JE. SUS.

RY THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

On the morning of the twentyeighth of last April I mounted my perverse and ill-mannered steed at the Crusader was crowned king, the Pools of Solomon Preparide to on Christmas Day, A. D. 1101.

As we approached that place we struck into well-cultivated fields, and the barley was ripening. Comely women passed us on the bridle-path, some of them wearing a veil like that of Ruth, which is capacious enough to hold "six measures of barley." During the harvest season the farmers sleep in the fields over night, as they did in the days of Boaz. It is said that they still retain the salutations mentioned in the Book of Ruth: "The Lord be with thee!" and "The Lord bless thee!" we rode through several barley fields, later in the day, I noticed a most striking verification of the parable of the sower. The travelled path was so narrow that some handfuls of grain from the sower's hand must have lodged on the beaten track and been trodden under foot of men and beasts. There were several patches of rank and angry thorns, which had thoroughly "choked" out the barley. In the "good ground," which was fertilized by the wash of lime from the adjacent hills. the grain was yielding its twenty or thirty fold. Agriculturally, limestone and water are the salvation of the Palestinian valleys and lower hill-sides. I can easily credit all that the Bible affirms both as to the fertility and teeming population of the Holy Land in those days when reservoirs and cisterns were on every hill-top and terraces lined every declivity.

Bethlehem is the most beautiful and thrifty town in modern Palestine, and it is the one in which the population is almost entirely Christian. Mussulmans are scarce in the little city of David. Not over three hundred are to be found in a population of five thousand. Most of the people belong either to the Latin or the Greek churches. German Protestants have opened a small school with thirty or forty pupils. The Bethdebemites are an industrious folk, with a considerable Yankee skill in the manufacture of various ormaments and "notions" out of olive-wood, mother-of-pearl, and coral. Some of our readers will remember the tasteful articles which they had on sale at the the Philadelphia "Centennial." It is said that they brought back over seventy thousand dollars in solid cash.

The sun was blazing down fiercely as we rode through the narrow streets of Beth-

behem, passing several new and bright-looking buildings, to the Latin Convent. A jolly monk gave us a cordial reception, permitted us to get a good rest on the divans of a long, cool apartment, and set before us a lunch of bread, fruits, honey, and a bottle of natal abstinence.

After lunch the courteous monk led us through several passages into the choir of the celebrated Church of the Nativity. We descended a flight of sixteen steps into the crypt, and found ourselves in the chapel, which is forty feet long, sixteen feet wide and ten feet high. The pavement and about 390 A. D. to 420), and here take him to heaven now? he translated God's word into the valuable "Vulgate" version. Among all the saints in the Romish calendar, Jerome is the noblest and the saintliest.

into the nave of the "Church of the Nativity," the oldest Christian structure on the face of the globe. Built by the Emperor Constantine, about the year 330, there is strong evidence, that the nave with its eleven columns of reddish limestone and antique pavement, is a part of the original edifice. The six capitals of the col. umns are Corinthian and on each one is engraved a cross. A whole chapter might be written about this delightfully venerable structure. within whose walls Baldwin

all that foolery of a marble-lined temple. grotto, with its silver lamps, and smoking incense, and monkish tales?" my readers may inquire. Yes. I was disgusted with the overlaid gewgaws and monstrous impostures; but underneath that Church of the Nativity I firmly believe that the infant Jesus was born. I belive that in some portion of that rock was the subterranean stable which witnessed the original Christmas glory. Probably Joseph and Mary lodged at

the khan which stood on the ground once owned by the family of David. Justin Martyr, in the second century, says that Jesus was born in a grotto in Bethlehem. Origen confirms it. The conscientious and careful Jerome sought out the exact spot, and selected his cavern or cell so as to dwell close by the birthplace of his Lord. The tradition is unbroken, and no rival spot has ever been indicated. Bethlehem has not been beseiged, and torn to fragments, and built over again and again like poor Jerusalem; so that the weight of argument is almost overwhelming in favor of the site church, and I felt an assurance that last April I saw the spot on which Christianity broke from Heaven into this dark and sincursed world.

north is David's Well, and beyond are the verdant fields in which the shepherds watched their flocks on that original Christmas night, The hills, the rocks and the valleys are the same that re-echoed the angelic songs when the skies above Bethlehem were filled with celestia, melody. The star hung over those very heights. The glory of the Lord shone on those imestone cliffs which we climbed that April day, and through that atmosphere floated the midnight Christmas song: "Glory to ragged child with tangled golden God in the highest, and on earth curls asleep on the crimson cushpeace among men in whom he is well pleased." No monkish lies or legends can rob the Christian world of its beloved Bethlehem. Independent.

I do remember when I was a child. How my young beart, a stranger then to care. With transport leaped upon this holiday, As o'er the house, all gay with evergroons, From friend to friend with joyful spied I ran,

#### " DARLING"— A CHRIST-MAS STORY.

"Go along with you, good for nothin' thing!" The cruel words were accompanied by a savage push, and the cellar door of a dilapidated tenement closed with a "Peace on earth, good will tive wine, which remained uncrash. Up the broken stone steps opened. Dudley Warner says that into the unpitying December the wines in that convent are de- night crept a little boy, shivering cidedly calculated to promote to- and weeping bitterly. He was awhile," she whispered, and pil- who can be influenced by no quite as much as if it was their only six years old, a mere baby, nearest corner and Aed as fast as his tiny feet would carry him until, almost breathless, and comhouse.

Only a few days ago it was all so different. There was a softwalls are of marble and the apart- voiced lady named "Mamma," ment is lighted by thirty-two who called him "Darling," and lamps. Upon one side of the kissed him. She used to sew all chapel is a recess, and in its pave- day long, and sometimes in the ment is set a silver star, around night he would wake to find her which is the famous inscription: arms about him and his face wet; "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus and one night she told him she Christus natus est." The recess is was going to heaven, a bright, brilliantly lighted with fifteen warm, beautiful place. She lamps. The traditional "man-couldn't take him with her; but ger" was carried away to Rome | if he would be a good boy, Jesus long ago. From this gorgeous would bring him there sometime. subterranean chapel the monk | The next morning she was very conducted us by an underground white and still, and did not anpassage to a grotto, called the swer when he called her name. 'Chapel of St. Jerome." We en- Then the people came and took tered this with genuine venera- him down stairs, and were not tion. Here that grand and de- kind to him, and ever since he vout old scholar spent about thir- had been hungry and cold and ty years of his useful life (from lonesome. Why not ask Jesus to

No passer by heard the sweet lisping tones that said, "Mamma's Dezus, I'se twyin to be dood. I want my mamma. Pease show me where heaven is." But above From the crypt we ascended the Christmas eve jubilee of the great city, up through the azure heights to the throne of Him who was once a babe in Bethlehem of Judea, went that baby prayer. The sobs ceased. The tiny

figure rose and trudged bravely on and on, unnoticed by the crowd that surged through the thoroughfare into which he had turned.

A little way back from the street stood a great ivy-mantled church. There was a faint illumination within which threw out soft tints of crimson and blue upon the newly fallen snow. The vestibule doors stood ajar.

"This is most haven," said the "Were you not disgusted with child, creeping the great

and a solitary light in the organ | how much we miss it," said a loft served only to dissolve the lovely lady in apologizing for the darkness into a twilight, through | delinquency of a friend. which the massive grandeur of the sacred place could be felt there will be always more or less warm air and mingling with the fragrance of flowers, seemed to breathe "Peace on earth" through all the shadowy arches.

"Dess Dezus will come the west of the way," softly murmured the child, as over-come by fatigue he entered a high-backed pew and was soon asleep on the velvet cushions.

Miss Deborah Van Zandt sat in great easy chair before a blazing fire, and gazed long and sadly into the glowing depths, which sent a ruddy gleam over her snowy hair, stern, handsome face, and shapely, gem-studded hands.

Christmas eve, and she the only surviving member of her family, encased in her pride of birth and wealth alone in her palatial home, now covered by the ancient unloving and unloved on this the gladdest night of the year! It is no wonder that a feeling of unconquerable loneliness and longing began to melt the frigidity of her nature. She rose and walked From the roof of the convent to the window, and, drawing aside the outlook is glorious. To the the heavy curtains, watched the brilliantly-lighted houses across lies Jerusalem. Away to the east | the way, until a tear fell on her folded hands. For a moment she to be thankful to have come into let it lie there, looking at it with sorrowful interest, for to the stately mistress of the Van Zandt mansion it was rarer than a diamond.

But the carriage stood at the door, and the maid entered the room with Miss Deborah's bonnet and fur cloak. Fifteen minutes later an aristocratic figure entered the Van Zandt pew at St. Matthew's Church, and gave a little well-bred start of surprise to see a These execrable importations ions. Presently a blaze of light wish they were smong those from | Everybody gave something. illuminated the vast sanctuary, a glorious Te Deum resoun led above the worshiping congrega-cion, and Miss Deborah felt a slight touch on her arm, and turned to meet the gaze of a pair of great lustrous blue eyes and an awed

heaven?" "No. child," was the astonish-

"Zen where is it? My mam. ma's there, an' I want her.

" Darlin,"

Miss Deborah evaded this perplexing query by asking, "What is your name, little boy?

"What else?" "Mamma's darlin.' Will you

take me to heaven? "I can't dear; but I'll vou home with me. Lie still lowed the sunny head on her higher would do well for them- own. and, filled with terror, turned the costly velvet and furs until the selves to give a little attention to The children, too, who took a last grand anthem died away into the apostolic benediction.

Two hours after Miss Deborah pletely bewildered, he sank down | sat once more in her luxurious in the shadow of a great ware- home, with an inspiration in her heart and a white robed Christmas gift in her arms.

"Isn't you my uzzer mamma? cooed a tiny voice, as a dimpled cheek nestled against her own. "Yes, darling."

"Zen, I has two mamma's an'-Dezus.'

The last word came very faintly, and Miss Deborah, as the sweet eyes closed, tucked the treasure into a snowy couch, and turned away, feeling that she had looked into the face of the Christ-child.

#### CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN. BY MRS. LATTIMORE.

Waiting in your shadow'd chamber. Weak with weeping, pale with pain, Longing for the dainty footsteps, Ne'er to cross your floor again,-Let your poor heart take some comfort, Friend of mine, so sad, and sweet, In the thought that earthly aching Ne'er can reach those little feet

How the winter winds are busy. Piling snow drifts high, and higher Entering through the broken windows, Hovels where there is no fire ! Little children, cold and hungry, Vainly seek some sheltering arm; But the one you love so dearly, Evermore is safe from harm.

You had thought to make her Christmas Glad, with innocent surprise, But your gift its charms unfolded To the glance of other eyes; For the Saviour, far more loving, From his white throne bending down, Lifted up your spotless darling To her bright, immortal crown.

Now she roams the flowery meadow, Wanders by the living stream, Revels in eternal ocauties, Far beyond a mortal's dream ; Storms of winter cannot chill her In that sunny summer clime, And with Christ, the Christinas-maker, She has Christmas all the time. -From "Christmas Chimes."

#### "BE YE COURTEOUS."

"' 'Thank you,' is a little thing It was not the hour of service, | to say, and yet, it it isn't said,

Labor with what skill we may.

rather than seen. Strains of soft friction in society. There are delicious music, floating on the queer people, ill-bred people, crosstempered people, round whose corners we, by instinct walk warily, but it is astonishing to observe how many, from whom we expect better things, are neglectful of the little courtesies of life. We have heard of a barbarous South American tribe who have no word in their language for the expression of gratitude, "This will suit me very well," being the nearest approach to it. Some who would be shocked at the charge must be, we conclude, blood relations of this tribe. Our Oriental neighbors carry ceremony to a greater extent than we, but we might with credit to ourselves borrow some of their observances. It is for instance.considered very discourteous to send a verbal message, especially by a servant. If ever so short, it must be written.

Back of all social rules, which may at first seem arbitrary, are reasons relating to comfort and harmony of life which have caused this adoption. It is easier and pleasanter to accept the current practices of society, feeling sure that if we then err it will be on the safe side. Indeed, we ought a world where things were planned out for us instead of being obliged to stumble along in our blind way or to make rules for ourselves.

Few, perhaps, who receive a favor directly refuse the meed of near to it in their graceless way of expressing it, in "Thanks," "No, thanks," "Yes, thanks." good deal more common than we blessed to give than to receive."

whom we expect better things. table, and how much one, other- Lord was pleased with such a but joyous whisper, "Is dis

plied gracefully, "Thank you ty of warm little socks and hoods very much." We felt at once, and jackets, good story and piehas it, is a "loaf-giver," one who is gracious, kindly.

this. Courtesy is the oil that part in this "more blessed" sermakes the machinery of life move vice were about as happy as you easily. There are burdens enough ever see little folks. You know we must carry. Let us try to you can put but one quart of lighten them as much as we may by observing the gentle amenities and kindly courtesies of life. ple have capacities for happiness. tation of kindness. This indeed happiness, and it will only overwould be altogether vain, for flow; it will not add anything to the mask is transparent, even the amount. Some people, if they to the most obtuse.

only as the expression of a love- pout and say, "I wish I had the spirit, but altogether hateful as moon." the cloak of an ignoble one.—Illustrated Christian Weekly.

#### THE TEACHER'S DANGER.

Whoever would teach must learn -and this means he must continue to learn; he must learn all the time. The teacher's danger lies in his pausing after he is certified to be competent to teach. Too often, with but a slim stock of knowledge on hand, finding himself surrounded with those who know so little in comparison with what he does, he sits down contented; he employs the same material year after year; as it is new to every successive class, he cannot understand why he should do any more study.

But men get in proportion to what they give. He is giving little, and the result will be that sooner or later it will be found out. The people feel it in their homes, and dissatisfaction is expressed. He concludes to seek another place or another occupation: but to face the foe of his school and his own foe he declines. He teaches as he did last year at his last place, and all goes smoothly for a while, and but for a while. The only thing for the teacher to do is to resolve that he will be what the great Thomas Arnold

teaching. And every child and every parent demand the same thing ; they are right. Let the teachers then observe, listen, read, and think: "still achieving, still pur-Such and such only can suing."

# teach.

OUR YOUNG POLKS. "THE BABY'S STOCKING."

Hang up the baby's stocking. Be sure you don't forget. The dearest little darling, She never saw Christmas yet, 've told her all about it. She opened her blue eyes, 'w sure she understood me, She looked so very wise,

Dear! what a tiny stocking, It don't take much to hold Such wee pink toes as baby's, Away from frost and cold; It will not do at all, For Santa won't be looking For anything so small.

This we can do for baby, It is the very plan;
I'll borrow grandma's stocking, The longest that I can, And hang it in the corner, Right here by mine, just so; And pin it in the toe.

Write, "That's the baby's stocking, Hangs in the corner here; You have not seen her, Santa, She only came this year; She's just the sweetest baby, And now before you go, Her stockings crowd with goodies,

From top, clear down to toe.

#### THE " MORE BLESSED" CHRISTMAS.

They had a lovely Christmas time in a Sunday-school up in Michigan this winter, and I wish every school in the land could have one like it every year. Inthanks, though many come very | deed, many other schools are trying the plan, and they say it works well. This school called it the 'more blessed' Christmas service." I presume the name from the flippant French are a came from that text, " It is more

The visitors who were admitted We were especially impressed gave in a parcel at the door as the other day in observing a their "ticket," and such a mounyoung lady who thus acknow- tain as it all made, heaped up edged the favors extended at the about the pulpit. I think the wise well meaning and pleasing, Christmas celebration, for all the lost by the flippancy of manner, presents were for his needy, suffering ones. There were pretty when another lady whose hand-kerchief was handed to her, ret the hearts of little children, plen-Dickens.

"That's a woman worth sacrific- ture books, warm clothing of all ing something for, but the other sorts, handy tools and many oth--oh!" A lady, as the old Saxon er things both useful and pretty. Over four hundre | presents were brought in, and I presume they Upon none are favors in life made as many hearts happy when heaped so bountifully as upon ap- they were given out, and more. preciative people. This is a very too, probably, as fathers and molow motive of conduct, but those there share in their children's joy

syrup in a quart cup, and one pint in a pint cup. Just so peo-Not that we would put on affect You may pile on the means of had the whole world given them, Fine manners are charming and all the things in it, would

> The "more blessed" kind of happiness comes nearer filling up the measure than any other I know. But to fully convince yourself, you have only to make the experiment. I would not wait until Christmas, either. Kind, generous deeds are always in season. "The poor you have always with you."

#### CHRISTMAS TREES.

Merry Christmas! Why do we keep it with so much joy and gladness? Is there a little child anywhere who does not know that it is the day when our dear Lord was born? "Christ the Prince of glory slept on Mary's knee." The took place. Thus whole beautiful story is familiar groom been summ to every one of us, and the sweetest thing about Christmas is that it belongs to every one of us, to the poorest as well as the richest. for the infant Jesus came to save

the whole world. The custom of hanging gifts on Christmas-trees comes to us from Germany. There, for days be at the Head of t forehand, great preparations are death was witnessed made, and when the eve of Christ- residence by a crow mas arrives, the tree is lighted with tapers, and its boughs are find access into the loaded with presents for parents, it is believed, expe children, teachers, friends and called a "running spring." He demanded the possession of fresh of our Sunday-schools follow the to do. He ever, her knowledge as a qualification for pretty home idea of the Father- interest in the cause land to a wider conclusion, and have Christmas-trees in the Sunday-school. - The Child's World.

#### A GOOD CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Among the novelties in the way of Christmas gifts for the coming season intended for father, mother, brother, or sister, is a suitable holiday envelope, containing a pledge or Christmas

promise something like this: By the help of God, and with my best and truest love. To-: I hereby promise never to use tobacco or ardent spirits before I

am twenty-one years of age. To this is signed the name of the donor.

Boys, all the money you could earn in a year would not purchase a present which would give your parents or your sisters so much pleasure as would such a Christmas pledge signed by you. If the pledges are not for sale in less, but of very dand a self-sacrific your town manufacture one. Purchase a pretty Christmas card and write on the back of it a by bringing the thu pledge similar to the one given here, substituting for the words, " before I am twenty-one years of age," the better promise, "so long as I live."

### CHRISTMAS AT SEA.

They stood beside the helmsman at the wheel, the lookout in the bow, the officers who had the watch; dark, ghostly figures in their several stations; but every mar among them hummed & Christmas tune, or had a Christmas thought, or spoke below his breath to his companion of some by-gone Christmas-day, with homeward hopes belonging to it. And every man on board, waking or sleeping, good or bad, had had a kinder word for one another on that day than on any other day in the year, and had shared to some extent in its festivities; and had remembered those he cared for at a distance, and had known that they delighted to remember put through the adhim.

It is good to be chrilden sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself.-

#### MEMORIA

MRS. MARY Mary Ann May

loved wife of J. this life in the fa gospel, at Fore 24th., 1882, in ti age. She wis an tian, beloved by Methodist of th Her father, seate father's shoulder John Wesley lay of the first Meth in Hull, Yorksbir ceived her first t Benson, M.s. D tick ton trial She retained her of her choice uni left behind her an band, four child circle of friends. Christ. Her end was in becasual to rest; "out after ing she passed in her Land: Atten obtained her wise once to work and

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WELDON .

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Wallace Bay, Dec

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chrilden somebetter than at n its mighty child himself .-

#### MEMORIAL NOTICES.

MRS. MARY ANN DUVAL.

Mary Ann Mayfield Duval, the be-

loved wife of J. W. Duval, departed this life in the faith and hope of the gospel, at Forest Glen, N.B., Nov. 24 h., 1882, in the 78th year of her age. She was an unobtrusive Christian, beloved by all who knew her, a M-thodist of the third generation. Her father, seated on her grandfather's shoulder, witnessed the R-v. John Wesley lay the foundation stone of the first Methodist Chapel built in Hull, Yorkshire. Her mother received her first ticket from Rev. J. Benson, M.s. Daval received her tick ton trial in the year 1824-5. a retained her love for the people E her choice until death. She has oft behind her an affectionate husband, four children, and a large corde of friends. Her trust was in Chast. Her end was peace. She was in her usual health on retiring her baid. After fity years' toll she optioned her wish and "clased at

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one to work and live.

#### WELDON TUTTLE.

ten months ago my eld st brother.

marriage, which was fixed for only house." one week after his lamented death took place. Thus has the bridegroom been summoned from the brid- just before their nuptials were solemnized, and thus have flattering hopes and prospects been dashed to the ground. His death was startlingly suiden, after a week's brief il.ness. induced by too much exertion and violent cold. His funeral took place last Thursday. He was followed to the grave by perhaps the largest procession that ever attended a funeral at the Head of the Bay, and his death was witnessed at my mother's residence by a crowd of weeping relatives and friends who could scarcely t is believed, experienced the conbut did not follow the Saviour as closely as was his privilege and duty to do. He ever, however, evinced an

ored him by attending his funeral, and walking before the corpse in re-I am sorry to inform your readers that Bro. England has been sorely stricken in the death by fever, of his dest child—a lovely boy of five or ix years. We committed his mortal remains to the grave yesterday, Bro. Craig just arriving in time for the

the Sunday-school. Another

ren and numerous friends. G. W. TUTTLE. Wallace Bay, Dec. 11, 1882.

uneral. Our brother and his strick.

partner will have the warmest

ympathy and prayers of his breth-

# MINNIE RAWORTH,

Born January 6, 1860, died September 24th, 1882. A short life, but ong enough to make preparation for be life that never ends. In early tays she was thoughtless and careess, but of very decided character and a self-sacrificing spirit. She was ever ready to do anything needed, and often preceded the request by bringing the thing required. The very large attendance at her funeral proved that she was "beloved by all sho knew her."

In April, 1881, the writer was enaged in special services in the Upbased to find salvation through Jeus. Among them was M nnie. On he9th of Apr I, while in conversaon with her at her home, she found eace. No one could be mestaken bout the great change. Her face on revealed by its brightness and oy that the great work was done, hat her sine were forgiven, and she as saved. This joyful experience ne but "His loved ones know." at night in the public service she de" profession with the mouth," ad soon begon to speak to others almost instant relief. ut the great change, and to lead

ekers to her Lord. Of this delightful change she never at the assurance. In the following mer she left home for Moncton. ere she fougut her first and real ritual battle. Cast into society altogether congenial to her new she was in danger of leaving her our through fear of the world, ter from Bro. Duncan showed

which soon developed into typhoid the medical aspect of school life.

fever and inflammation of the brain. After three weeks' severe suffering, two of them in unconsciousness, "She died like going home." She left no testimony behind but her life, and this was enough. Many letters from intimate friends prove that she always tried to " adorn the doctrine of God her Saviour in all things."

We mourn the departure of one so young, and likely to be so useful, yet with the bereaved family we say, "Thy will be done."

Bayfield, Dec. 12.

#### TEMPERANCE IN SCHOOLS.

who is justly called 'the Nestor of American Physicians,' recently said; We shall never control alcohol until we have taught the people-1. What alcohol is. 2. What it will do if you deink it. 3 What it will make us do. I can see no way of doing this except through schools? Remarking upon this important declaration, the editor of the ' Journal of Elucation,' says: A textbook teaching these elementary facts, in the hands of every child in the land as soon as it is old enough to read, is what we want. A law requiring such teaching in ail our pubhe schools would be the wisest kind of legislation. It is a question of intelligence in the beginning, easily We have again been called to pass | controlled if we then let on the light; brough deep waters. Only about but no easy task if we wait until it becomes one of imperious appetite. Joshua D Tueste, after a brief ill- If we can imbed in the intelligence ness pass, daway to his reward, leav- of the children of this generation, ing only one surviving son by his before they are contaminated by it, first wife. That son has now been the scientific facts about alcohol. called to join the family above: call- they will banish it and its vendors ed, too, just as he was about to re- from the pale of buman society when eive by process of law his share of | they come to be voters in our places. the paternal estate; and when all ar- The Star of Bethiehem of the Temrangements had been made for perance Cause stands over the school-

#### TAKING COLD.

Here is a list of a few of the many petty acts of commission and omission, the result of forgetfulness, or more frequently of carelessness which almost surely originate colds, which we take from Dr. Rumbold's little book on the "Hygiene of Catarrh:" "Sitting on a stone doorstep in a cool evening to a late hour in the night; sitting up late after the fire in the room has gone out, then going to bed with cold feet getting out of bed with bare feet and in a night dress to wait on a child find access into the house. Weldon, sleeping in a cold room; making the fire on a cold morning in an unverting grace of God some years ago, dressed condition; standing in an open doorway during cold or damp weather, with the head and shoulders insufficiently protected, to speak a in making his or her departure; become cold, and to experience a chilly sensation between the shoulders,"

To sum up the whole matter, freedom from throat disease is a matter less of climate than of attention to the rules of health which should govern the daily life of every person. How a man lives is of quite as much importance as where he lives in his wrestle with throat troubles.

### USEFUL HINTS.

To render thick paper quite translucent, saturate it (while warm) with Canada balsam, or castor oil

Sods are the cream of the soil. containing the very elements of plant food that make soil so productive.

Pretty and inexpensive screens can be made by covering an ordinary clothes horse with dark felt or plush, upon which Chinese crape pictures may be mounted.

Special marks of kindness and attention should be received with discretion, for it is far better to refuse them than in accepting to assume privileges which were never intend-

Square tables are now fashionable for dining-rooms; usually they are supported upon one central column. er Cape, Bayfield circuit, when a extending into carved lions' head. arge number of young persons pro- breasts and feet. Mahogany is coming into favor again.

In the course of an article on milk as a curative agent, the editor of the Scientific American says that the emollient effects of milk warm from the cow are well marked in cases of chronic or winter cough.

To cure earache take a pinch of black pepper, put it into a piece of cotton batting dipped in sweet oil, and place in the ear, tie a bandage round the head, and it will give

A nice way to prepare potatoes for breakfast is to cut cold boiled ones in square pieces and dip them in beaten eggs, and put them on a buttered pie plate in the oven; when they are hot and brown send them to

An Eastern paper, says an eminent Swiss physician, as a result of findthrough the advice of her spirit- jug that out of 23,200 infants examguide she conquered, and went to ined for this purpose, only 122 posuich, and to the class, prayer- sessed any abnormal peculiarities, etings and Sabbath-school. A argues that, as a rule, a child is straight when he goes to school for at she continued a faithful tollower the first time. He further attributes to the enforced maintenance of one attitude for a length of time the le. Leaving Moncton full of long- corporeal deformations which are dis. ing. Sent by mail by addressing ags for home, she, in her eagerness played at a later period. He advo- with stamp, naming this paper, W. O see her friends, contracted a cold, cates more attention by doctors to A Noyes, 149 Power's Block, R chesthick

#### INFORMATION.

For Coughs and Colds, use Allen's Lung Balsam. See adv. in another dec 22 lm

IT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME! Time tries all things, and few are the customs, habits or adjuncts of life that are not, swept away before its remorseless march. Remedy after remedy for corns has been introduced, tested, and found wanting. Pur-NAM'S PAINLESS CORN EXTRACTOR alone holds undisturbed sway, gath ering new strength as years roll on, and holding it with the power that merit alone can give. Take no substitute. Putnam's Painless Corn Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, Extractor never fails to make a complete cure. Sold everywhere. N. C. Polson & Co, Kingston, Proprietors

One of the most useful inventions of the age is James Pyle's Pearline Washing Compound, and judging from its extensive sale, it is safe to infer that housekeepers, generally, appreciate the fact.

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. - The original and genuine "Quinine Wine and Iron" was originated and prepared selely by Hanington Brothers, Chemists, St. John, N. B., under the nome of "Hanington's Quinine Wine all druggists and general dealers turoughout the Dominion of Canada. To guard against imposition see that Hanington's name is on the outside wrapper, and that the "Hanington Brothers" is blown on each bottle, none other is genuine. For sale by all druggists and general dealers in Dec. 1 1m

In this present age, when the ife battle is so fiercely fought, and when upon even the strongest the tug and stress of it tell so heavily, how necessary it becomes for us to provide for the keeping up of our reserve stock of mental and physical stamina by the use of such a nervous tonic and vitalizing agent as "Robmson's Phosphorized Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto Phosphate

Its gently stimulating and nutritive tonic properties supply the materials, and assist nature in her efforts to keep up with the exhaustive demands upon her reserves.

Prepared only by HANINGTON BROS., Chemists, St. John, N. B., and for sale by Druggists generally. Price \$1 per bottle, or six bottles Dec 1, 1m

For Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis and deep seated Lung troubles, use Allen's Lung Balsam. See adv. in an-

sterest in the cause of Christ by suc- few words to a friend who is too slow McMillan, Waterville, N.S., says :-"I had for ten years suffered with stopping to speak to a friend on the pain and soreness in my side, caused sidewalk, long enough for the feet to by a sprain or stress, and was so weak that any extra exertion would cause so much pain that I could hardly use my arm, until some sixteen years ago when suffering unusua! pain from a recent stress, that I used Graham's Pain Eradicator and Pills and was completely cured by using them a few times.'

> MOTHERS! MOTHERS!! MOTHERS Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately-depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle. febly

REST AND COMFORT TO THE SUF-FERING - Brown's Household Panacea has no equal for relieving pain, ooth internal and external. It cures Pain in the Side, Back or Bowels, Sore Throat, Rheumatism, Toothache, Lumbago and any kind of a Pain or Ache. "It will most surely quicken the Blood and Heal, as its acting power is wonderful." "Brown's Household Panacea," being acknowledged as the great Pain Reliever, and of double the strength of any other Elixir or Limment in the world, should be in every family handy for use when wanted, "as it really is the best remedy in the world for Cramps in the Stomach, and Pains and Aches of all kinds," and is for sale by all Druggists at 35 cents abottle febr10

CONSUMPTION CURED .- An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radica cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve buman suffering, I will send free of charge, to all wno desire it, this recipe, in German, French or Euglish, with full directions for preparing and us-

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#### CHRISTMAS-1882.

To each home visited by the WES-LEYAN it to-day bears greetings. happy Christmas! If, on Monday, all the members of the household surround the table, echo to them our wish for "many happy returns." in any home there be one reader less than last year, or any merry voice of other days be missed, because of a visit from death, let the recollection of life and immortality brought to light by Christ awaken a cheerful, even if subdued, spirit among those yet spared. In the face of all changes, joyous or grievous, look up and catch some inspiration from the Birth, whose influence has gone out scattering blessings always and everywhere.

We need not urge a greater degree of social pleasure. Christmas is becoming everybody's day. More and more persons are yielding to its influence, and accepting it as a holiday, if not yet as a day for spontaneous worship. Man is a holiday keeping creature; the social spirit is strong in him-a fact which evil men recognize more readily than do the goodand this cause rather, perhaps, than any revival of special interest in the he boldly states that "young men are ministers shall also lessen the numtruth emphasized by the day, perpetu- not trained at home, by the way, and ates and increases the observance of in the University (Dalhousie) as they Christmas among descendants of the once were to choose the Gospel min-English stock. In this holiday spirit istry as a noble calling for the highest of commemoration lies an element to learning and goodness." In relation dism in France has done much more be watched. We do not—Puritan- to Dalhousie Prof. Scott wishes to than has been indicated by the statisto the pleasure of the season. That warm interest in the contemplated gifts and surprises of the period, which even the supposed reticence of the street cannot hide, makes the observer better, and checks any wish to demolish one jot or tittle of the day's social pleasure. One would not lessen this, while he would like to strengthen very materially the recognition on that day of the fact of the Incarnation, the one special and distinctive fact out of which Christmas sprang. For unfortunately, as some one has said: " It seems to be something like a law of commemorative celebrations, that in proportion as they are multiplied by repetition or extended in area the original fact celebrated either recedes from view or, at least, loses in the distinctness and power of its impression." Would it not be well, in order to avoid the irreligious absurdity of keeping Christmas with no clear recognition of the great truth that it signifies, that pastors and parents take care that to our youth it means something more than cake and candies, than gifts and sweetmeats!

A word about gifts-altogether appropriate on the day commemorative of God's great gift to all mankind: Let us strive to catch at the family altar the spirit of the men of the olden time who sought to lay at the feet of Jesus their gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrrh." In similar spirit we should lay hearts there. Rolling years have only proved Christ's worthiness to receive the most precious tribute that mortals can bring. Are you his? Have you dedicated yourself to Him? Hasten to accept afresh the precious gift of His grace, and to offer in return yourself, as all that you can give. It is all that he asks! It is what he longs for! Then to you, henceforth, Christmas shall be the jubilee alike of the Christian and the domestic year.

How many private memorandum books contain long lists of friends for whom gifts and greetings are designed ! Ought not the name of Him source of all joy to stand first on the list! Should not a blessed impulse be department on Christ's own birthday ! A contemporary mentions a Metho not be proved by an appeal to general and deportment.

rendered the day memorable by bring. ing in at that time her missionary offerings; and tells us that strangers are surprised at the intense interest of the occasion and at the happiness which brightens the faces of all who take part in the service. By a sim ilar effort in any important line of Church work might Christmas every where be dedicated permanently to Christ, and angelic hosts and human households be made partakers of a common joy.

Here's a touching little incident, with a moral which brings us down to those smaller practical duties which have so much to do with life's happi-

One evening last Christmas a gentleman was strolling along a street in Toronto with apparently no object in view but to pass the time. His attention was attracted by the remark of a little girl to her companion in front of a fruit stand: " I wish I had an orange for ma." The gentleman saw that the children, though poorly dressed were clean and neat, and calling them into the store he loaded them with fruits and candies. "What's your name?" asked one of the girls. "Why do you want to know?" queried the gentleman. want to pray for you." The gentleman turned to leave, scarce daring to speak, when the little one added: "Well, it don't matter, I suppose. God will know you anyhow.

#### A SERIOUS QUESTION.

Last week's Presbyterian Witness contains a letter from Prof. Scott, of the Chicago Presbyterian Theological Seminary, on the subject of State Universities in their relation to candidates for the ministry. Prof. Scott, a graduate of Dalhousie, has evidentadopted the views of leading Presbyterians of the United States as formulated by an important committee of the recent General Assembly in Chicago. Looking homeward at the "solemn fact" that there are "thirty two vacant pulpits in the Maritime Provinces and only a dozen ministers available to itinerate among them. 'say a plain word that may set all interested to thinking." He certainly speaks without ambiguity when he remarks, "I must honestly say that I fear the influences tending to turn students' thoughts towards religious studies are becoming weaker and weaker within her walls. " We quote

The experience of every Church in the United States is that religious education, and a training that will lead a sufficient number of talented young men into the ministry can be found only in Colleges directly under the control of men of pronounced Christian conviction. It is asserted that all lofty culture in all lands of Christendom has grown up in connection with religion directly influencing education. Oxford and Cambridge, Edinburgh and St. Andrew's, the Continental Universities, Harvard and Yale, are all cited in proof of the as-

sertion. Convinced of this supposed truth the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and other bodies have established religious High Schools and Colleges throughout the land. The West is full of such institutions, and the constant reply to my arguments in favor of general education in the State Universities is that history is against them, and that the Church would go ministerless if they had to look to such sources for theological students. Such things and the facts referred to in the Maritime Provinces sometimes lead me-without shutting my eyes to many other elements in the question -to ask "Will it be necessary-and that before long-for the Presbyterian Church in Nova Scotia to drop Dalhousie College and start an insti-

tution of its own again?' That Church has shown, I think, a disinterestedness and public spirit unequalled, in her efforts and sacrifices or general higher education. But when it seems like the alternative, either change your method for promoting general culture or let your altar fires go out for want of properly qualified priests, the very question of selfpreservation and continued existence may force serious thought along the line indicated.

Directly, the question affects our Presbyterian friends; indirectly, it concerns all sections of the Church. The deliverance of the General Assembly of the United States shows that the opinions of that important body are in harmony with those of the several Churches in the Provinces whose continuous is the warrant and whose educational policy is denomin-

views, set forth by Prof. Scott, can-

dist church which for many years has Canadian experience. Assuming that paper to be rightly informed, the the publisher to adopt the "clubbing value of the experience of an active, system." These will be interested in energetic denomination in a large country where the respective merits of State and Denominational colleges have been so thoroughly tested, must yet outweigh that of the smaller body in our young Dominion. In relation to the experience of other denominations something might be said. A careful comparison is difficult, since more than one of the Provincial Churches has not yet reached the point where a man of deep piety, good common-sense and general fitness for pulpit and pastoral work, is turned back because of failure to meet certain literary tests. It is probable that a careful comparison between the number of candidates for the ministry of the several Churches would add little in opposition to Prof. Scott's views. No Church has lost more than our own through removals, and many of the young English ministers have only filled vacancies through this cause, so far as the two Conferences are concerned. And is it not possible that other Churches than the Presbyterian may have suffered some small loss through the very cause pointed out by Prof. Scott? It is certain that all the students at Dalhousie have not been Presbyter-

Behind lies a more serious question, to which this is after all but an index. If the Presbyterian Church of the United States, in harmony with the majority of the orthodox churches of that country, firmly believes that the training of young men in State Universities in general affects injuriously the supply of Gospel ministers, may it not be supposed that as a matter of course it must have a similar effect upon the many thousands of young men to whom the church looks for earnest, intelligent and hearty co operation at a period when the important work of the laity is recognized as never in the past? It seems to be a natural conclusion that any training which shall lessen the number of ber of devoted, active, Christian lay-

It is a well-known fact that Metho ence. Many, converted through her agency, have preferred communion with a branch of Church more essentially French in its relations. The French idea of the influence of Methodism as an evangelistic force receives strange illustration in an article in a paper on Madagascar. The Methodist Recorder says :-- A few days ago an article which was designed to be forcible and emphatic, appeared in a Paris newspaper, wherein the whole blame of the opposition to French protection in Madagascar was laid upon the Methodists. The deputation to Earl Granville was said to have been a deputation of Methodists, the Church interests said to be imperilled were those of Methodists, and the Queen of Madagascar was declared to be herself a Methodist. The confusion is strange, but inexplicable. It must be supposed that Methodism has so impressed the French mind as to cause it to vince." be regarded as the only representation of English evangelism. Our friends in Paris and elsewhere must have been somewhat surprised to find themselves so suddenly placed in the public view as one of the forces which can bring about political storms.

A successful term has just been completed at Mount Allison. drawback of any kind has interfered with work at the college. We hear that the new Professor, Dr. Goodwin, has won golden opinions. The Board of Governors, last week, decided to build the new college of stone, at some distance to the southwest of the present building. In spite of the disadvantages through the burning of the Male Academy building, the attendance at that institution has been good, and the work done has been reported to be very satisfactory. At the beginning of the next term the students are expected to take possession of the new building. At the closing exercises of the Ladies' Academy, on Monday evening, Dr. Kennedv reported an attendance of 70 boarders. with an unusually large number of day scholars. A pair of the best and handsomest acme skates, the gift of Mr. Forbes, of the Dartmouth Acme Our contemporary, the Witness, Skate Factory, was presented to each given to Christ's work in some special chinks that the correctness of these of six young ladies, for excellence in portant circuits mean to be in good

Some of our agents have advised the experience of the Canada Presbyterian in this matter:

In answer to numerous inquiries we have to say that the clubbing arrangement some time in force is not to be continued. We are sorry to have to state that it answered no good purpose. The circulation was not extended, although the price of the paper was reduced one-fourth to clubs of twenty; while the net result is a heavy falling off in the receipts from subscriptions.

The clubbing plan was adopted in deference to a widely expressed wish that The Presbyterian should be placed within the reach of our people at \$1.50, in the expectation that the circulation would be largely increased. A fair trial of three years has demonstrated that our constituency is satisfied-in common with the Methodist, Anglican, and other denominations-to pay \$2.00 for a Church

Our Sunday-school teachers should at once got The Lesson Commentary on the International Lessons for 1883. Its responsible authors are Rev. Dr. Vincent and Rev. J. L. Hurlbut, who have, in its preparation, consulted three hundred different authors, and gathered gems from these varied sources to aid the thousands who are to teach these precious lessons. No wise teacher will make the mistake of supposing that he can do the best work in his class by the aid of one or more antiquated commentaries. Without this Lesson Commentary an able teacher might fail; with its aid few could be dull. Time and labor will be saved by its use and efficiency in a most important work be greatly promoted. It can be obtained at our Book-Room, at \$1,25, net. At the same place and for the same price, Peloubet's Commentary, a favorite with many teachers, can also be pro-

The writer has read this through with comfort. He therefore passes it on to others. It is from the Advance:

"() the drudgery of this every day routine!" cries a man of business, and many a house-keeping woman. "To get through the day, and have the same round to traverse to-morrow! Yes, but how do you know what use the gracious Superintendent of your life is making of this humdrum, as you call it! A poor, blind, mill horse treads his beat, hour after hour. But the shaft he is turning is geared into others, and they into wheels, that in yond his hearing, are working out results that he never could comprehend. Wait until you see no longer through a glass darkly, and see the unknown bearings and connections of your lifework with other generations, and may be with other worlds.

The Christian Messenger says: "The County of Annapolis has received a thrill in connection with temperance work through the recent visit of Grand Worthy Patriarch Burrell and Mr. T. M. Lewis, lecturer and agent of the Grand Division. Directly and indirectly some six or eight Divisions of the Order were either instituted or revived. During his addresses Mr. L. frequently made favorable mention of the press as a powerful auxiliary in promoting the good work; and made special mention of the Christian Messenger, Wesleyan and Watchman, as being to the front in our own Pro-

The British Cabinet has undergone an important reconstruction. Mr. Gladstone retires from the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer, but England is fortunate enough not to lose the services of her greatest statesman. The following named Ministers took the oath before the Queenin-Council last week: Lord Derby, as Secretary of State for the Colonies; Lord Kimberly, Secretary of State for India; Lord Hartington, Secretary of State for War; Hon. Hugh C. Childers, Chancellor of the Exche-

Several ministers, as if by common consent, have this week given brief remarks on departed members of Church, which find an immediate place among "Deaths" or "Personals." In each case the remarks could have been lengthened into a halfcolumn "obituary." As they now are, ninety-nine out of each hundred readers will know all that they want to know about the deceased, and what they would not have taken the pains to glean from a long notice.

A long list of Methodist ministerial changes for next summer, published in a Manchester paper, shows that imclass standing, written examinations time. In this matter our English to the use of the Church and Parson- sanction something they had no me brethren get in a hurry.

METHODIST UNION.

(From page six.) FIFTH DAY, -AFTERNOON,

The Committee on Annual Conferences brought up their report. The first clause was as follows: - "The Annual Conference shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, who shall sit and deliberate and vote as one body on all amendmentstriking out the last clause questions excepting the examination of ministerial character, the reception and ordination of probationers into tees' consent be obtained in the ca full connexion, and the granting of referred to in Clause C. the superannuated and supernumerary relief. In cases where ministerial character shall be arraigned it shall be competent for the ministerial members to meet in special session, examine into the case, and report their opinion to the Annual Conference.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved to add atter the words supernumerary relief on which excepted points ministers alone shall take action." The amendment was carried.

The second clause as adopted was as follows :- "The General Superintendent, when present, shall open the Annual Conference and preside on the first day of its session, and afterwards alternately with the president, and with him jointly conduct the ordination service and sign the ordination parchment, but all other duties pertaining to the Conference shall be vested in the president elected by that body, who, in the absence of the General Superintendent, shall conduct the ordination service.

The third clause as carried was :-The President of the Annual Conference shall be ex-officio superintendent of the district in which he may be stationed.

The fourth clause was :- "The Annual Conference shall elect by ballot without debate a secretary or secretaries, as the case may require.

The fifth clause was :- " The Conference shall elect by ballot without debate a superintendent for each district from among the ministerial members within its bounds."

The sixth clause was :- "No layman shall be chosen to the Annual Conference who is not twenty-five years of age, and who shall not have been a member of the Church for five consecutive years preceding the election.' The report was adopted.

SIXTH DAY-MONDAY. The Committee on General Super-

intendency presented a report respecting the composition of the first General Conference The report was discussed at some

length, and finally adopted in the following form: -1 The Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, having authorized the calling of a special session in 1883 to give effect to the union, provided a satisfactory basis is secured, it is recommended that in case the basis of union is approved of by the requisite majorities in Quarterly Meetings and Annual Conferences of the Churches proposing to unite, it shall be competent for the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches to elect delegates to the first General Conference of the uniting bodies, in the proportion of one out of every ten ministers in full connexion, with an equal number of laymen, to be elected in Annual Conferences or District Meetings, as the case may be, and these, together, with the delegates composing the present General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, meeting in joint session, after the latter body shall have closed the special session above alluded to shall compose the first General Conference of the said united bodies, with power to perform such acts as may be necessary to the final ratification of the union, and all other duties that come within the province of the General

Conference. 2. The Annual Conferences and District Meetings of the Methodist tuted as follows:-Three from the Church of Canada to have authority Methodist Church of Canada, to to fill vacancies that may have occurred, either lay or clerical, by the usu- and one each from the Primitive M al mode of election.

The Committee on Church Property presented a report, which was adopted in the following form :- "That upon the ratification of the proposed union, such legislation be obtained from the Legislatures of competent jurisdiction as shall vest in the united Church all Church property now held by, or in trust for the respective Churches entering into the union." The committee also reported that a considerable amount of Church and parsonage property would not be required for the Church or circuit purposes.

### AFTERNOON.

The General Conference Committee brought in a report recommending that a committee consisting of the district superintendent and two ministers and two laymen be appointed at the District Meeting of each district wherever such property is situated, who shall act conjointly with the trustees on each circuit in determining what property shall be retained for use and what shall be sold. A short discussion ensued, and the report was adop-

The next clause read as follows In all cases where such Church or ald. Mr. Macdonald said the re parsonage property may be so sold, the proceeds arising from such sales may be applied (a) in the payment of any debts or claims upon or in respect ing to this the gravest question of such property; (b) in payment of cerning union -not excepting any debts upon property retained for the Travelling Superintendent and use by the congregation formerly us. Delegation would not be laid be ing property so sold, or in improving the people, ing a new church or parsonage where could be no expression of opinion! necessary for the united congregation. it till it came better the General (c) The balance, if any, to be applied ference. They would be asked age Fund of the United Church of of knowing anything about,

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Clause Cogave rise to considerable discussion, objection being taken the it would meet with local oppositio and that such property could not dealt with without the consent of the trustees. An amendment to the effer that the matter be left for the Gene al Conference to decide, was lost, and the same action was taken on a Finally the item was adopted with an amendment providing that the true

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The Committee on General Super intendency recommended-" That the basis of union affecting constitutions questions or the rights and privilege of ministry or laity be guaranteed the respective Churches by the Ger ral Conference, requiring for a chang in those articles of union or legislatio affecting those rights and a three-fourth majority of the General Conference and if required by either order ministry, or laity, a two-thirds' major. ity of each of the two orders, voting separately. That the first General Conference of the united bodies b held in the city of Toronto, on the first Wednesday, in September, 1883

The first portion of this report gave rise to a good deal of discussion, but was adopted by a unanimous votel There was a difference of opinion upon the clause giving the time and place of the first meeting, and it was sug gested that Belleville would be mon convenient, as the Annual Conference of the Canada Methodist Church would be taking place there. Belleville was finally selected by a large majority The report was then adopted as

The next committee to report wa upon Church Funds. The only claus discussed was the following:—" The whereas it appears that the member of the Methodist Church of Can ada have an amount capitaliza equal to about \$153.55 for each ma engaged in effective work amounting to \$125,847; and whereas it is desir able that the members of the propos ed fund coming from the other Churches should unite on equal term we would, therefore, recommend that each of the contracting parties shall pay into the new fund an amount the will equal per capita to the above amount for each effective man enter ing this fund.

On this clause a large number amendments were moved. Much the discussion arose out of the conn tion of the Methodist Book-Roo with the Superannuation Fund. The question was whether a sum of \$3 000 invested in this concern should considered as a part of the Supera nuation Fund above-named and motion was made that it be deducted therefrom. In order to simplify ma ters, the chairman put this moti first, and it was carried.

The Book-room being thus elimin was continued on two motions, one b Rev. Dr. Stone, the other by Re Dr. Sutherland. The latter motion was finally carried. It reads as f lows :- "Whereas it is found that the Methodist Church of Canada has in vested capital for the Superannuation Fund of the three Western Confe ences of \$91,510, equal to \$112.55 each minister on the effective a superannuated list, it is agreed the the other bodies uniting shall sum an amount of capital to said Supera nuation Fund such as shall place the ministers on an equality with the mi isters of the three Western Confe

SEVENTH DAY .- MORNING. Clause 2, having reference to

payments of present claimants up the Superannuation Fund, was re and considered.

Mr. John Macdonald moved the the whole question be referred to Committee on Superannuation const from the Methodist Episcopal Church thodist Church, and the Bible Chri tian Church, with power to empl actuaries and submit an equitab scheme to the General Conference the united Church to meet in Bell ville, by which the amount now ! ceived by the Superannuated mini ters of the Methodist Church of Can da shall not be reduced.

Rev. Dr. Stone moved the follow ing as a substitute for the motion That the basis of the claims of the present superannuates of the Meth dist Episcopal Church be the average amount paid to them during the fir four years with an addition to t amount of what they would have ceived if the pro rata contribution had been equal to such contribution of the Methodist Church of Canad less the per centage of such contril tions that have been invested in

capital fund. Rev. Dr. Sanderson asked Macdonald when the result of t actual investigation should be made known. He could conceive it to very desirable to have some such con mittee; indeed it had occurred to l with precisely the same number of dividuals as proposed by Mr. Macd would be made known at the Gent

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erson said : Accord gravest question col not excepting ere mierence, Thet on of opinion upo . The General Con would be asked they had no mes ything about, beca

they had not the results of the examinations of the experts. This seemed to him to be a fatal objection to the motion of Mr. Macdonald.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner moved that the claims of the superannuates who shall be on the funds of the several Churches shall after the union, be paid from the annual gatherings from the ministers and congregations pro rata of their present claims, and the proceeds of the vested funds capitalized at the time shall also be paid pro rata to the claimants of these Churches respectively without prejudice to the claims of any Churches or of any claimants.

Rev. Mr. Griffiths explained the position of the Primitives to be that whatever they had in the past they did not expect to have any undue advantage in the future. Indeed, they would not take any. He understood the position of the Methodist Church of Canada to be as follows: The ministers had paid \$12 a year into the fund, but none, or very little had been put to capital. Then if the ministers of the Primitive Methodist Church furnished an equal pro rata amount of capital they would stand in the same position as those of the Methodist Church of Canada.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved the fol-

The various motions of the morning session were read.

lowing:-"(1)There shall be, in the United Church, a Superannuated Ministers' Fund for the three Western Conferences, and a Supernumerary Ministers Fund for the three Conferences of the Maritime Provinces, which funds shall for the present be under the management of separate boards, as has been the practice of the Methodist Church of Canada. (2) As no change is deemed necessary in regard to the Supernumerary Fund of the Eastern Conference, all the recommendations which shall follow are to be understood as referring to the Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Western Conferences. (3) It is agreed that no change shall be made in regard to the claims of those now holding a permanent superannuated relation at the present time (i. e, 1882), but they shall receive on the basis of their present claims as far as the income will allow. (4) The income arising from the annual collections and subscriptions in all the congregations of the United Church, annual subscriptions by ministers of the same, and any grants received from time to time from the Missionary Fund shall be available for payments of all claimants of the churches without distinction. (5) Income arising from the invested capital now held by the Methodist Church of Canada for this fund, and the amount received annually from the profits of the Toronto Book-room until such time as the publishing interests of other uniting Churches shall be amalgamated, and the assets equalized with those of the said body, shall be available exclusively for the claims of superannuated ministers now connected with that body, and the claims of ministers now in the active work of that Church who may become superannuated after the union. (6) Nevertheless, so soon as the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist and the Bible Christian Churches shall furnish an amount of capital equal in proportion to that now held by the Methodist Church of Canada, the superannuated ministers of such uniting churches, and those who may be superannuated after the Union, shall have a claim on the proceeds of the whole invested capital in common with those who are now ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada; but those who are now on the superannuated lists of the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christian Churches shall not share in the proceeds of the investments aforesaid. (7) If the income of any year shall not be sufficient to meet the claims in full, then all claimants shall share in the deficiency in proportion to the amount of claims. (8) If any one of the three uniting Churches aforesaid shall fail to provide their full proportion of the invested capital, the ministers of these bodies who may hereafter become superannuates shall draw in proportion to the amount actually provided. (9) In case of failure of any of the three Churches-the Methodist Episcopal, Primitive Methodist, and Bible Christain Churchesto provide invested capital, it shall be competent for any minister of these bodies to provide his individual share of such capital and therefore draw from the proceeds of such capital in such a matter as the ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada. This

itive Methodist, and the Bible Christian Churches." After this had been received, Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved that all motions and amendments be laid on the table. This was put and carried. The Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved

clause. - Carried.

The five first clauses were adopted as they stand, slight verbal afterations having been made in the first draft. On clauses six and seven, taken together, a long and tedious discussion arose on the question as to who should share in the benefits of the Book-room. A long discussion ensued, but in the end clause 5 was separated from 6, and adopted as it stands above. Clause 6

was adopted. Rev. Dr. Gardiner moved the addi tion of these words, "Nevertheless, the rule adopted in No.5 shall apply to those bodies touching similar funds. -Carried.

In the evening the consideration of Rev. Dr. Sutherland's amendment was resumed Clause 7 was read and adopted without discussion. Clause 8 was read and adopted. Clause 9 was read. The clause was adopted, and the amendment now forms clause 2 of the report of the Committee on Church Funds.

THE "CHURCH GUARDIAN" CORRECTED.

The following appears in the St. John Telegraph of the 14th inst. The Guardian will of course be prepared to send the correction wherever the statement has gone, if it has not al-

Sir,—My attention has been called to the following paragraph, which appeared in the Church Guardian of last week, viz:

It is not many years since a belief in the Intermediate State was accounted heresy by our Methodist friends. Probably most well informed Methodists now accept it. So ne, it seems, are very "advance i." A minister in New Brunswick, according to the St. John Daily Telegraph, October 18th, at a funeral service "offered up a fervent prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased!" And so they go towards Rome!

As the latter part of the paragraph evidently refers to a report respecting a prayer offered by myself in the Exmouth Street Methodist Church, St. John, on the occasion of the funeral of my late friend and brother, Rev. Hezekiah McKeown, you will, I trust, allow me space for a word in regard thereto. The erroneous report was promptly corrected without any effort on my part, in the following issue of your valuable paper. That correction, would fain believe, escaped the notice of the editor of the Guardian, as it was shown that no such prayer was ever offered up by me. Possibly this number of the Telegraph may receive

better treatment at his hands. With respect to the former part of the paragraph, I have only to state, that, whatever progress parties may be making in the direction referred to above, in religious circles with which the editor of the Church Guardian may be supposed to be familiar, he, evidently, is not sufficiently "advanced" in his study of Methodist Theology to speak ex cathedra of the doctrinal views of the Methodist Church.

I am. Sir. With much respect, Yours truly. ROBERT DUNCAN. St. Stephen, Dec. 13, 1882.

NEW CHURCH AT MARGAR-ETVILLE.

tennial Methodist church was dedi- purposes to hold.' " for the worship and service of Almighty God." The congregations were large, filling the church to its utmost capacity, and very attentive to every part of the service, while the collections were the largest ever taken in any church in Margaretville. In the morning the Rev. Joseph Gaetz, of Amherst, preached with his usual efficiency, a sermon of beauty and power; and our very active and energetic supernumerary, the Rev. James Taylor, gave us an excellent sermon in the afternoon. The writer occupied the pulpit in the evening. The new church is forty seven feet long and forty-four feet wide, with eighteen feet posts, and is after the Gothic style of architecture. It contains three rows of circular pews which will seat about three hundred persons. The pulpit and altar are very neat, with a small orchestra behind the pulpit. The whole is finished in the inside with white ash and black walnut, and stained so as to present a very pleasing and even beautiful appearance. The architect, Mr. John Bowlby, deserves great credit. He did his work in a most satisfactory manner and proved himself a master mechanic. Too much cannot be said in praise of our Methodist friends at Margaretville. They are neither very wealthy nor very numerous; but they possess what wins success where both numbers and wealth frequently fail, viz. indomitable energy and perseverance. They commenced this enterprise under the wise guidance of Bro. Gaetz, amidst great discouragements: and some, whose desire was father to the prediction, prophesied that the building ould never be finished. It cost tem, with the chandeliers and stoves, more than twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars. And when it was opened, the debt latter provision shall apply to any minon it was only about fifty dollars; and isters now on the superannuated list now they have one of the neatest and of the Methodist Episcopal, the Primbest country churches in the N. S.

The Margaretville people not only build their church and pay for it; but they raise every dollar apportioned to them by the Quarterly meeting for the support of the ministry called up and considered clause by works that they are in the true Paul-Lord ordained that "they which Church fill their new house with His han the old house by multiplied conversions to Christ experienced in it.

W. RYAN. Aylesford, N. S., Dec., 1882.

A present of the WESLEYAN for one year would be a weekly benediction.

to any to whom you may be inclined to send it. For the small sum of TWO DOLLARS you can do this. Aged friends will thus get a repetition of gifts, and children and young people will thank you again and again.

FUND FOR READING.

The Rev. W. H. Withrow, editor of the Methodist Magazine and Sunday School Papers, Toronto, begs to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of the following donations to a fund for Sunday religious reading for Hospitals, Prisons, Lumber camps, etc.

L. S. Beer, Esq., Charlottetown, P.E.I. \$20 Ralph Brecken, Esq.,

A Friend of the afflicted,

Other donations will be thankfully received. Most of the public charities of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will be helped by this fund.

COUNT CAMPELLO.

A recent report that Count Campello had made his way back to Roman Catholicism seems to have been incorrect. The Rome correspondent of the Record, writing on the 25th,

Count Enrico di Campello, formerly a Canon of St. Peter's, whose secession from the Church of Rome caused such sensation last year, purposes to hold Divine service according to the Liturgy of the Church of England, in the Italian language God grant it may be the germ of a Reformed Church in Italy! Want of means to pay the hire of a suitable room has been and still is the obstacle in the Count's path. In renouncing his canonry he renounced his income of 15,000 francs a year, and his private means are very limited. Friends are rallying round him, and he hopes shortly with their help to initiate the movement which he contemplates. Hitherto Italians, who have left the Romish Church, have been cut off from public worship, except on the condition of their joining the Waldensian Church, or attending the services held by different branches of Dissenters. Many, especially amongst the educated classes, though prepared to renounce the errors of Popery, cannot fully reconcile themselves to the doctrines of the Waldensian Church and the want of an established form of prayer. MR. EDITOR; The 12th ult., was The same objection holds good against an high day among our friends at dissent. So that all well-wishers to Margaretville, Annapolis Co. On the religious cause in Italy are glad to and several improvements have been that day their new and beautiful Cen- hear of the services Count Campello made in the interior.

Rev. Joseph Cook said : I am a Congregationalist : but I have spoken for Christianity so long that I am in a transition state and a terse expression) as Methodists or Jesus. The most heads of families.' Presbyterians. I have declared for orthodoxy as represented by Profeschoice between Park or Dorner, I am prepared to take the side of New this country equal to any other on earth.

An exchange remarks : "We are glad to have Sir John A. Macdonald's word for it that no concessions have been made to the Licensed Victuallers. and that the Dominion Government have no intention of relaxing the present restrictions on the sale of liquors in any Province of the Dominion. Public opinion will sustain the Government in adhering to such a position.

Rev. W. M. Patterson, missionary to Mexico, writes that "there is no longer any doubt as to the permanency of the Mexican government and the maintenance of religious liberty in the country. In many localities there remain serious difficulties yet to cuits. impede the progress of Protestantism, but only such as have been already overcome."

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE :- Readers will find on our eighth page the prospectus of the N. Y. Tribune and a list of premiums offered. The paper is good enough without a premium. The object of offering these books, is to put standard works of great merit that Rev. Dr. Sutherland's motion be in the circuit; and they prove by their within the reach of readers of moderate means who are attached to their ine succession and believe that the paper and expect to take it for several years. The Tribune has long enjoyed preach the gospel should live of the the reputation of having the largest gospel." May not some more wealthy circulation among the best people; communities learn a lesson from and certainly its bright, strong, clean hem? May the great Head of the columns, and its energetic search for School of Theology. The cost of the the news of the world have entitled it presence and make it more glorious to that position. It has displayed great originality, and set some of the Tuesday evening Dec. 5. fashions in journalism, and its various editions are now a marvellous illustration of what journ dism cando in providing sound instructs in and good en-

PERSONAL.

The Rev. J. M. Pike and family reached Summerville, S. C., in usual health. At Baltimore they met a fearfully cold storm. The next week Mr. Pike was to attend a meeting of the South Carolina Conference.

The Rev. Dr. Young has been addressing missionary meetings in New Brunswick. Deeply interested audiences have heard him at St. Stephen, Milltown, Fredericton and other circuits. At end of last week he left Fredericton for Moncton.

Joseph Cook, in a lecture last week in Tremont Temple, said that Ulrichi, the German metaphysician, esteems Prof. Bowne, of Boston University, of which wear as a badge a small silver (Methodist) to possess "the most philosophic, keenest mind of Ameri-This is a fine compliment from one of the maturest minds of Europe to one of the younger but brilliant minds of this continent.—Zion's Her-

The funeral of Robert A. Hay, Esq., of Woodstook, N. B., took place on the 12th inst. An impressive service conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. M. Campbell, took place in the Methodist church into which the remains were carried. Mr. Campbell delivered a brief but touching address. A published statement reached us too late for publication this week. His family have our warm sympathy.

Of three respected officials of our church, notice of whose death appears in the usual column, Rev. Thos. Rogers writes: Bro. Neily was for nearly half a century a prominent member of the Methodist Church on the Wilmot circuit, occupying the position of S.S. superintendent, trustee and classleader. He was always a faithful friend of the minister. — Bro. Douglas was for nearly 50 years a member of our church, and for many years a trustee and class-leader at Port George. ---Bro. Hoffman was one of the trustees of our church at Nictaux Falls. His religion was known in his family, many of whom are members in our church. His death was sudden and unexpected.

METHODIST NOTES.

An exchange says: "The Methodists of Zionville, Nashwaak, will complete their new church next spring.

One hundred and fifty dollars are reported as results of a recent entertainment at Woodstock.

The exterior of Brunswick St. Church in the city has been repainted,

shortly by the Queen Square Church, In a recent lecture in Chicago the St. John. A high tea held last week to aid in raising the purchase-money was well patronized.

Rev. J. B. Giles writes: "You will be glad to know God has been blessdon't know what I am. My father is ing us at this old Methodist fort, a Baptist, an open Communion Bap- | Sydney Mines. I hope instead of 4 tist. Congregationalism has its foot members to commence two classes at on Plymouth Rock, and a vast majority once. Over twenty have been forof that faith are as sound (I will use ward and all have professed to find

From Carbonear, Rev. J. S. Peach sor Park. If the question arises as to | writes: We have just finished our Missionary meetings in this neighborhood. We had a fortnight of it: England, both in Scripture and science. Happy to say an advancement all As one of the signs of the times, I re- | along the line, about twenty-five meetgard the outlook for Christianity in | ings and all over last year-in two instances the collection is double, and one is more than double.

The Southern Methodists have opened a new church for English worship in the city of Leon, Mexico.

There are now two Methodist congregations of native Christians in Campore, India, and the prospects of the work are very encouraging.

In Baltimore only two Methodist churches have rented pews; in all besides the sittings are free. And mortgages are correspondingly infrequent.

Successful revival services, conducted in many cases by the clerical and lay District evangelists, continue to be reported from various English cir-

The revival services under Thomas Harrison in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Archibald, is at work buying stock. resulted very satisfactorily. More than six hundred bowed at the altar as seekers of religion, and many of them were hopefully converted.

A blessed work is going on at Graville, a suburb of Havre, where a ballroom of the vilest character has been transformed into a sanctuary. In the school there 200 Roman Catholic children are taught.

Boston University has taken anothner new "Jacob Sleeper Hall" to the use of the College of Liberal Arts and new building will be about \$55,000. The dedicatory exercises occurred on

tertainment for its readers. Nothing bration in 1884, in which it was con- S. imphon e Kapelle Club. There are now between 300 and 400 ever appears in The Tribune which is sidered desirable that all American And or ling to latest despitches the On the French shore hard times are There are now between a containing of the meet the eye of any home Methodist organizations should unite.

On motion, it was "ordered that the ordered that the

Canadian Methodism.

The prejudice in Norway against Methodists at present almost equals that displayed in England at the time of John Wesley. For distributing tracts they are threatened with imprisonment, and any open-air meetings are immediately dispersed by the police. The priests of the Established Church (Lutheran) publicly declaim against all Dissenters.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

A Church of England Salvation Army has been formed among the undergraduates at Oxford, the members

Rev Dr. MacArthur's church in New York is the great giving church of the Baptist denomination. Last year the contributions were \$307,304, and only \$13,175 were for current ex-

The mission at Misasi, Central Africa, has been attacked by a hostile tribe. One teacher, two catechuand a number of native Christians treaty. have been carried off into slavery.

An exchange says: "The Collegiate Reformed (Dutch) Church, representing three of the nineteen congregrtions in New York city, each of which is doing its proportion of charitable work, supports a free school, the Fulton St. prayer-meeting, and four mission chapels, at an aggregate cost of upward of \$22,000."

There is a service in New York every Sunday afternoon in the Armenian language for the benefit of from twenty to forty Armenians who are in business there. The meetings are held in the parlors of the DeWitt Memorial Chapel. A service in the Magyar tongue for Hungarians is held in the Church of the Strangers (Dr. Deems's church).

GLEANINGS, Etc.

DOMINION.

A Nova Scotian has photographed the comet very successfully at Sheet

Cape Breton (Sydney) is behind hand with sleighing-rain has been the order as per recent advices.

The Truro authorities clear the sidewalks with a snow plough; in Halifax it is done by the "individual snovel."

A Spencer's Island Company are

building at that Island a ship of about 2000 tons register. Toronto claims the distinction of keeping a more quiet Sunday than any

other city on the continent. The Cedar Grove, is breaking to pieces rapidly. Another storm will likely remove all trace of the wreck.

There have been more vessels repaired on the Marine Railway, Dartmouth, than any previous year since it

The steamer Northern Light with mails, passengers, etc., is running regularly between Georgetown and Pic-

Richmond Division, S. of T., had a very successful social gathering last week-the membership is 100; the past quarter's initiations 21.

The Ontario Legislature was opened on the 13th inst., by Lieut.-Governor Robinson with the usual cere-The Pacific Hotel and the John-

son House, in Winnipeg, were burned last week. The total loss is estimated at \$60,000, one-third covered by insurance. The exports of deal and deal ends

from Parrsboro' to Great Britain for this season, amounted to 16,307,000 feet, carried by 29 vessels of an aggregate tonnage of 17,755 tons.

St. George's Parish, Halifax, has at length taken steps to organize a Total Abstinence Society. This is a step in advance of the "moderation" societies which are a parody on temperance.

The Windsor Tannery Company have elected their officers, and purchased a fine lot of land at the rear of the foundry. Their manager, S. F.

The Post Office Department has over forty applications for the establishment of new post offices in Mani-toba. There are 210 post-offices now in that Province.

A meeting was held on Monday evening, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, for the purpose of organizing a central branch of the Nova Scotia Immigration Society.

Leon Ducrosse, a young deserter er step forward in the dedication of from the French army, shot himself in an Upper Water street hotel early on Sunday morning and died half an hour after. A note said he was dying

The pupils of the Institution for the Band were favored with a musi-At a meeting of the Methodist Cencal performance of a 8 one-what novel
tennial Committee last week in New
York it was resolved to hold a celetime members of the Hahiax Kinder

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terms used were intended to include muda where she will sojourn during the winter. It is said the Marquis will soon return to Ottawa. Sir Pa trick McDougall has been sworn in ad ministrator of the Government.

> A despatch from Dorchester to the Chronicle says: At the el ction cour the sitting members acknowledged corrupt practices by agents without the knowledge of the principals. The counsel of the defeated candidates did the same, and Judge King declared the election void.

A statement of Canadian railways opened for traffic shows the number of miles up to December 1881, at 7,-230 miles. The milleage under traffic at the end of 1882, shows a very large increase. Canada shows largest increase of railway systems in all the British colonial possessions with the exception of British India.

The Maritime Provinces fishermen are rejoicing. They are to receive from the Dominion Government a bonus on their labor for 1882, at the rate of two dollars per ton, for yessels under 80 tons, and 25 dollars per man, for boats crews that have caught 2,500 lbs. of fish, others than those ments, and four children were killed, exempted under the Washington

GENERAL.

General Sir Evelyn Wood has started for Egypt to take command of the Khedive's new army.

The Hall block in Toledo, one of the finest in the city, has been burned. The loss is estimated at \$10,000,000.

The Irish National League, being afraid to interfere with the Land Act, has adopted Parnell's resolutions-

which prevent all amendments thereto. Mr. John Burns has stopped the grog ration hitherto served to the men on the Cunard liners. Instead of the grog the men receive coffee.

The estimated loss at the Kingston fire, Jamaica, has been reduced to \$15,000,000. Bad enough !- but that is only one half of the first statement.

The depot wharf, 60 cars and 10 locomotives of the Manhattan Beach, R. R. Co., at Bay Ridge, were destroyed by fire on Decr. 13th estimated loss, \$300,000.

At Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14, two young gentlemen, and two ladies returning from prayer meeting by the railroad track were struck by an engine and instantly killed.

The United States and Belgium have provided by treaty that the assassination or attempted assassination of the head of the government shall be regarded as an extraditable crime.

During the past twelve months American newspapers have been received by mail in England at the rate of more than twenty-eight thousand a day or ten million a year.

The "false prophet" has met with

serious reverses. Khartoum is safe. the visions of horror and bloodshed to which some are remarkably given, are happily not to be realized. Law, in unhappy Ireland, is unusu-

the Connaught assizes was sentenced to penal servitude for life; for attacking the house of a bailiff. The Sultan of Turkey wears a thorny crown. He is a prey to de-

pression, shrieks at imaginary enemies,

ally severe at present. A prisoner at

and has a dread of assassination which haunts him like a nightmare. The heaviest gale for many years swept over Newfoundland on the night of the 12th inst., followed by an unpreedentedly high tide. The steamer Canima experienced the full force

of the gale. Two ninety-foot lathes, said to be the largest in the world, have been made by the South Boston Iron Works. Each lathe contains 600,000 pounds of iron. They are to be used to bore out cannon.

The English Nautical Gazette says that during 1881 the vessels lost at sea averaged about one every four hours. In 1879-80 there were 400 steam-boat collisions in the North Atlantic Ocean.

Queen Victoria has recently won, at the Birmingham Cattle and Agricultural Society's exhibition, a premium of £50 for a shorthorn Hereford from her Windsor farm. She will take the prize in the form of a cup of that

Patrick Joyce, Miles Joyce, and Patrick Casey, murderers of the Joyce family, have been hanged. With an increase in the number of murderers there is also increased cruelty, as this most atrocious event of the year, goes

Home rulers do not receive much encouragement from public opinion, if the Rt. Hon. Wm. Foster is correct. He says that the most powerful government in England would be overthrown if it attempted to introduce "Hame rule," as it means absolute separation.

At Little Bay, Newfld., mining operations have been curried in success Company. The people look for and FOURTH DAY.

The report of the Committee on General Superintendency was adopt-

following extracts are made:-Two bodies here represented have a number of educational interests in successful operation. The Primitive to make the Methodist and the Bible Christian Conference. Churches are not represented by such institutions. There are several institutions under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada. The University of Victoria College has a property worth \$241,000; annual income, \$15,000; annual expenditure, \$14,500; professors, 8. Mount Allison Wesleyan College-Amount of property, arts, \$110,000; theology, \$15,000; male academy, \$40,000; ladies' academy, \$35 000; total income, \$17 500, and expenditure the same. Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal-pro-

perty, \$64,090; annual income, \$3,-Annual Conference, for the figances of which the Church is not responsible, there are the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton; the Ontario Lidies' College, Whitby; the Stanstead Wesleyan College; Methodist Academy, St. John's, Newfoundland. Under the centrol of the Methodist Episcopal Church there is Albert College and University, Belleville; buildings and premises worth \$40, ing the 0.00; endowments, \$55,000; of the power. latter sum \$25,000 being cash in band. Alexandra Ladies' College is located at Belleville. Alma has an endowment of \$60,000, which is so far provided for as to be virtually free from debt. The committee find that the institutions in the East present no difficulty to union, and they believe the Western institutions exercising university powers can be consolidated to the honor of their graduates and the advantage of their educational work. The committee recommends that we adhere as a united Church to the traditional policy of Methodism as to higher education, and that it should be in the hands of the Church. Report received. The Committee on Annual Confer-

ences gave report No 2:-1. "It shall be the duty of each Annual Conference, at its session next preceding the session of each General Conference, to divide into ministerial and lay electoral Conferences, for the purpose of electing delegates delegates to be elected shall reside | part in the work of stationing. inside the bounds of their respective mittee composed as follows:—The intendent or General Superintendent General Superintendent, each Chairman of a District, and one representative elected from among the ministerial delegates, by a joint vote of both lay and clerical representatives. The laymen at the District Meeting shall form themselves into an electoral Conference to elect delegates to attend the sessions of the Annual Conference. Report received.

The Committee on Church Property reported :- " From the partial investigation possible the committee found that a large amount of Church property now in use will, in the event of union, become useless for its present purpose. The committee recommended-(1) That the proceeds of surplus property shall be appropriated to liquidate the debts of lo cal trust estates; (2) in aid of immediate improvements or erections necessarily arising out of amalgamation: (3) any sum still remaining shall constitute a fund to be under the control of the Annual Conferences in such a way as the several Annual Conferences holding jurisdiction shall determine."

Rev. J. J. Rice said so far as the committee could trace, the properties coming in conflict (part of which would likely fall into disuse and be come an estate for connexional purposes) from Prince Edward Island to the eastern boundary of the Ontario Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada were 55 churches and 14 parsonages. At a very low estimate they had valued the property at \$57-

Mr. John Macdonald took it for granted that union was going to be established; and, therefore moved "That the basis of union found by this committee be prepared and signed by the Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the presiding . fficer of this committee, and the Secretary of t e committee, the President of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, the Primitive Methodist Church, and the Bible Christian Church; that the said basis of union be affecti nately commended to the considera- seology in the report being used? tion, harmonious and united adoption of the membership of all the idea a happy one. He would go in Churches: and that the said oas- for carrying the word Superintendis of union be published in the ent right through the connexion. various Church organs as the They had Superintendents of Disfindings of this committee on this tricts, he would have Superintendent all-important question." The reso- of Conference, and lastly General of action when the basis was found, adopted, Mr. Macdonald asked leave for it to be given as a notice of motion.

Report No. 2 of the report on Auclause I considered.

separate lay and ministerial vote was cuit. denated at some length.

well and work in harmony. As a matter of fact the laymen are usual. ly helped by those who do not belong to their meeting. It seems to me that we had better leave these distinctions alone. I claim that when I the clause the difficulty would be tion." Carried. The report of the Committee on am elected to the General Confermet. Educational Interests was read. The ence I represent laymen as well as ministers, and I believe that the We had better leave the Conference to make their selection in the united

Rev. Dr. Rice entirely concurred throwing the Conference into one for

Rev. Dr. Stewart moved that the election of the ministerial and lay reence shall be made by the Annual

Rev. D . D warts moved that an the report. election shall be by a ballot vote. Rev. Dr. Pickard moved that in

the electron of representatives to the General Conference the vote shall be 500, expenditure the same. Of insti- taken by the Conference, but if deoutions under the patronage of the manded by one-third of either order it shall be taken by orders.

> Bishop Carman explained that the laity of the Methodist Episcopal resolution. respect to matters affecting the lasty as to the matters of raising supplies 'pay other people's debts, and those in connection with the temporal economy. He could see that the be very jealous as to the manner in amendment of R.v. Dr. Pickard would provide a means of inducing the laity to give up the veto purely mission churches.

amendment were adopted the Quar- "now in use and not needed." terly Boards would certainly veto

Mr. Milne moved, "On the last day of the session of the Annual Conference preceding each General Conference, a special session shall be held by the lay and clerical members separately, at which sitting each body shall elect its chairman and proceed to choose its representatives to the General Conference.'

The amendments were all put and lost, the report of the Committee be- ferred to the Committee for considering adopted without alteration.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Clause two of the report on Annual Conferences was taken up.

Rev. Dr. Dewart moved that the clause relating to the General Superintendent being a member of the Stationing Committee be omitted.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland proposed to the General Conference, each body that the General Superintendent electing its own representives. The should be present, but not take any

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved as a sub-Conferences. 2 Each Annual Con-stitute, that the Stationing Commitference shall have a Stationing Com- tee be composed of the General Superthe President of the Annual Conference, and the Superintendent of District Conferences, who shall be vel through the District. There being no seconder this fell through.

Rev. Dr. Dewart moved as a substitute to the motion and all the amendments, including his own, That the Stationing Committee be composed of the President of the Annual Conference, who shall preside in the Committee, the Chairman of Districts, and one minister elected from each district meeting, such election to be by joint vote of ministers and laymen.

Rev. Dr. Dewart's amendment was adopted.

Clause 3 was now taken up. Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved in amendment that in the election of lay representatives to the Annual Conference the laymen of the District Conference shall meet separately for the purpose, and the election shall be by ballot. The motion was adopted, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on District Superintendents reported as follows:—(1) That each district shall be under the supervision of a presiding officer to be called the District Superintendent. (2) That he shall be elected in the Annual Conference by bailot among the superintendent ministers of the Conference stations on said district. (3) His duties shall be to preside in district meetings and in all district committees to oversee the business of the church, and, with the ministers and preachers, administer and enbeing responsible therefore to his Annual Conference.

The report was received and clause one was taken up.

Dr. Allison opposed the term District Superintendent." It would lead to embarrassment in reference to the General Superintendent. Was there no word in the 50,000 of the English language that would express the idea without the cumbrous phra-

Rev. Dr. Sutherland thought the lution simply provided for the need Superintendent. The clause was

Clause 3 was taken up.

Dr All son said the report would not allow the present policy of the and Conferences was taken up, and Methodist Church of Canada being out discussion. continued. He had known cases The question of electing the dele- when the chairman of the district gates to the General Conference by a was not the superintendent of a cir-

Rev. S. F. Huestis said he was glad

only let us alone we should do very or any connexion al officer from being chairman of the district. He had been, while book-steward, chairman of the district, and might be again. the word "superintendent" out of privileges conferred by such ordina-

Rev. W. C. Brown moved that "He shall be elected in the Annual same is true as regards the laymen. Conference, by ballot, from among the ministers of the Conference within the district." This amendment book-rooms. They recommended the was adopted.

Clause 3 was taken up, and on mowith the report. He could not con- tion by Rev. F. B. Stratton, "temceive a more revolutionary idea than poral and spiritual interests" was substituted for "business" in the clause, and adopted as thus amended. The report was adopted as amended.

The report of the Committee on presentatives to the General Confer- Church Property was taken up. terms on the expediency of receiving question.

> Rev. Dr. Sutherland suggested reported as follows:that the report be sent back to the Committee, with the recommendation that the proceeds of the sal s or This recommendation was condemned on all hands, and he withdrew the

Rev. Thomas Graffish said this was a difficult matter. No one liked to who had paid for the churches would which the surplus was appropriated. He suggested that it should go for

It was suggested that the first Rev. Dr. Rice said that if an clause should be altered so as to read

> Rev. Dr. Sutherland proposed that the report 20 back to the committee with the following resolution :- "That the surplus property of the uniting Churches be vested in the united Church, and any portion not needed for connexional purposes be sold, and the proceeds, after paying all legetimate claims, be applied to such connexional purposes as the General Conference may direct."

The report and resolution were re-

FIFTH DAY

The report of the Committee on the General Conference was considered clause by clause.

The first clause was as follows :-The first General Conference of the united body shall consist of one in every twelve of the ordained ministers in the united Churches, and an equal number of laymen."

Rev. Dr. Rice pointed out that this would bring the number on the General Conference up to 250, or about forty more than composed the perty reported, recommending (1) last General Conference of the Meth- | That such legislation be obtained odist Church of Canada.

Rev. Mr. Williamson moved that the proportion of representation be left without pastoral charge and tra- one in ten. There was room for a larger representation.

Dr. Sutherland pointed out that wherever the Conference was held there would be some difficulty in billetting the delegates. To increase the total number beyond the 250 would, he thought, be unwise. A small deliberative body was, more over, more manageable than a large one, and would be more expeditious in the transaction of business.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner suggested the following amendment :- " Nevertheless, when the several Churches arranging for the union shall have approved of the basis by their Annual Conference and Church courts, they may severally elect to the number of one in ten of their Annual Conferences and an equal number of lay men as delegates to the special General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada after they shall have decided to proceed with the assembling of such united Conference.'

The amendment of the Rev. M: Williamson was carried.

The second clause was as follows: -"No layman shall be eligible to election to the General Conference who is under twenty-five years of age, and who has not been a member f the Church for five consecutive years next preceeding his elec-

tion." Carried. The third clause was as follows That the united General Conference be convened on the first Wednesday force the discipline on his district, in September, in the year 1884, in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, the

of Methodism on this continent." Mr. Maclean did not see how the new Conference could be appointed except by a new election. Any other meeting must be an adjourned one. He made this emark in reply to the suggestion that the Conference meet

It was pointed out that the expense of having the Conferences of the various Churches as usual in 1883 and the united General Conference sed his horror at finding the practiin 1884 would be considerable. The clause was re-committed, with a view of airanging for a meeting of the

united Conference in 1883 The fourth clause was :- " All probationers shall be eligible for ordination as ministers who have travelled four years, and have been received into full connexion by the vote of an Annual Conference." Carried with-

The fifth clause was as follows :-"Provided always that an Annual Conterence shall have power to elect and ordain probationers of less than Rev. Dr. Sutherland said:—If the point had been raised. It would sities of the work require it." This cranks, ministerial and lay, would prevent an editor, a book-steward, passed without opposition.

The sixth clause was:- "All preachers who have received ordination in any of the uniting bodies, and are in good standing at the time of the Rev. James Gray said if they left union, shall retain all the rights and

> The committee on Publishing Interests gave a list of the journals published by the different denominations of the Methodist Church, and some statistics about the various continuance of the Halifax bookroom, and stated that they apprebended no difficulty in amalgamating

After some discussion the word consolidation" was put for "amal-

The report was referred back to the committee to make some ref-Some discussion ensued in general ereace to the financial aspect of the

The Committee on Church Funds

1. We have found difficulties and complications arising from the various esages and regulations of the surplus property be applied to the different bodies, but do not think. Church and Parsonage Aid Society. them incapable of solution: we have them incapable of solution; we have only thought it proper to adopt general principles, leaving it to the proper authorities of the united Church to deal with the details.

2. It appears that the members of the M. thodist Church of Canada have a superannuation fund equal to \$153.55 for men engaged in the effective work, amounting in the aggregate to \$124,843. It is desirable that the members of the proposed being more palatable as well as more efficaci newfund coming from other Chuiches ons should unite on equal terms, and they therefore, recommend that each of the contracting parties shall pay into the new fund an amount that would be equal per capita with the amount for each effective man in hand in the Methodist Church of the Provinces

3. In regard to the present claims on the superannuation funds of the several churches they shall be claimants on the new funds to the extent of the average amounts they shall have received during the past four years immediately preceding the said union.

4. The Primitive Methodist Church having paid their men about the same amount as the Methodist Church of Canada, they shall be claimants for the same amount out of the new

5. The principles in the above resolutions shall be applied to adjust the case of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal and Bible Chrise tian Churches who may be included in the said Conferences. The report was received.

The Committee on Church Prothe various provinces, Newfoundland. and Bermuda, as shall be needed to vest the property of the Churches. now held in trusts for the several Churches, in the united Churches. (2) That a committee of five be appointed to assist the district superintendent to administer the surplus property. (3) In all cases where Chu. ca or parsonage property is sold the surplus proceeds, after providing for the indebtedness, shall be supplied to the Church and Parsonage Aid Society, in the bounds of such Annual Conference where the property may have been situated. The report was received.

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On the Wilmot circuit:-Ward Neily, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, aged 75 years. Robert Douglas of Port George, on Sunday Dec. 10th, aged 84 years.

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Dec. 12th, azed 64 years. At Avonport, on the 14th Nov., Charlotte Hall. She was converted to God in Canning, under the ministrations of Bro. Pickles. She maintained her union with Christ, and died in great peace.

Suddenly on the 26th ult., at Dock Cove, Queens, N.B., John Parnell, aged 73 years. At Mahone Bay, Oct. 11th, Margaret, be loved wife of Capt. Edward strum, aged 36. She trusted in Christ through life, and triumphed through Christ in death. At Mahone Bay, Nov. 12th, Katie, beloved and only surviving daughter of the late Samuel Dodge, age 124 years. Her end was

At Lunenburg, Nov. 25th, the beloved wife of George Rhuland, aged 56. After 12 years of suffering she entered peacefully into rest. At North East Harber, Shelburne Co., N.S., Dec 6th, Crowell Windsor, son of Mr. John A. Nickerson, Shag Harbour, in the 14th

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