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Miscellaneous.

A LOWLY LIFE-PSALM. 'Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.'

All glory, all praise, for this life long, My days of health and strength; Weaned and worthless, glad I were To welcome home at length;

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column of the Chicago newspapers, and summed up under these heads: 1. Irregularities in the proceedings. 2. Hurling to a decision before important testimony was taken.

This late Mississippi flood illustrated certain theological theories by showing how tonsils were deposited in ages long gone by. A number of gentlemen were sailing out near the estuary, where the ocean this meets the river current, when they encountered, for an extent of several miles, logs, driftwood and patches of turf and soil floating out into the gulf, filled with live animals, which clung to their frail barks with the tenacity of mariners.

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And now in the closer relationship we sustain, bearing each other's sorrows and sharing each other's triumphs, we have great joy and consolation in your love, and entreat the cooperation of your prayers, that the enlarged copious out-pouring of the Holy Ghost may descend and rest upon the united Methodist Church of this Dominion, hallowing all our ordinances, fertilizing and gladdening every field of labour, and cheering the hearts of its servants by the salvation of thousands and tens of thousands of souls.

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paration. "If having no sword, so prepared, let him sell his garment and buy one." And may he literally do it. You acknowledge the need of a sword. The array of evil never presented so solid a front. The enemy has massed his forces in compact phalanxes. You may shoot poisoned arrows, but you must take the sword, and that means hand to hand and foot to foot.

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greatest loss I ever sustained in life, was in my day and generation, to God's will. I feel thankful that at this critical period of my life, I was left in the care of a godly mother, whose highest ambition has been to train me to be good and Christlike.

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millitant to the Church triumphant. For several years I continued meeting with God's people in Christian fellowship, before I received a clear evidence of my acceptance with God. It would be impossible for me to tell you what the blessing of adoption first became mine.

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SEVENTH DAY.—THURSDAY, JULY 2.

After the devotional exercises and the reading of the minutes, Conference sat for short time with closed doors. The deputation to the British Conference then presented a verbal report of their proceedings, and a statement of the success which had attended their efforts.

Dr. Stewart said that he should be very brief, as his colleague would have before them the more important items. He had been permitted to sit on the Committee of Review in Newcastle. He spoke of the men whom he had met and heard, men whose names were household words throughout the Dominion. He had been privileged to hear Bonar, and to meet with such men as P. R. Williams, Pres., &c. The English Conference like our own was composed of human beings. There was an open session for the receipt of Delegates, and they gave way to others. In the morning they had the care of the Conference and were attentively heard. He spoke in the highest terms of the ordination service, and especially of the address by Dr. James, upon ministerial thoroughness. He referred, at some length, to their efforts for securing young men. They had found themselves very much pressed for time. If they had had a fortnight longer they could have done much more, but were thankful for the measure of success which had attended the enterprise. The young men had proved themselves faithful and successful laborers. He spoke of their visit to Newfoundland, and especially of the address given in all their letters and dangers, to know that the brethren at home were praying for them.

Dr. Pickett felt very sure that he could best satisfy the Conference by confining himself very strictly to the business which his mission was concerned. He had undertaken the task unwillingly, but found excellent company and much enjoyment. He dwelt at some length upon their reception by the English Conference, and the progress of their negotiations. He was pleased with the knowledge which some of them manifested of our affairs. They had tried to be modest in the presentation of claims, but felt notwithstanding that justice had been done there. The principal points settled were, 1st, that no change should be made in our polity, should or could affect the relation of any member of our Conference to English Funds. 2d, Newfoundland and Bermuda missionary work to be aided by grants from home. He then went on to speak of the manner in which he had been deeply and kindly with us as generously as could be expected, considering the many claims upon the missionary Funds. The parent body had given its cordial consent to our union with the Canadian Conference, but declined, for obvious reasons, to enter into any discussion of the scheme, leaving this responsibility with ourselves. The report was received with great satisfaction, as a kind and friendly adjustment of our relation with the Parent Conference.

After passing a vote of thanks to D. H. Stewart, Esq., for his valuable services as our agent from England, the session was adjourned. A long discussion ensued upon this subject. It was necessary that some disposition should be made of this Fund on account of the new relations into which we were about entering. Two schemes were presented. 1st, That it should be amalgamated with the Canadian Superannuated Fund provided that they would secure to our ministers, the claims which we have upon the Fund in virtue of past payments. 2d, That arrangements be made by which it could be worked upon its present basis.

After a lengthy conversation in which many of the brethren took part, the general conclusion was arrived at, that whilst the first scheme offered a guarantee, if not superior to the second, it was not so desirable, as it was probably on account of our large indebtedness, capital, offer so good a one for our money. It was wisely therefore to remain as we are, at least, until the second General Conference.

Res. It. There shall be two General Treasurers, and in each local Conference a Secretary and Treasurer, for the general management of this Mission.

2. That the General Treasurer be appointed by this Conference, until the meeting of the General Missionary Committee, members of which are appointed by the Conference of the Lower Provinces, to constitute a Board for appointing the Gen. Treasurers from year to year, and for auditing their accounts.

3. In case of the removal of any of our ministers to any of the Canadian Conferences, his claims upon this Fund shall not be prejudiced by such removal, but he shall not be permitted to add to his former payments.

4. Any one transferred to our Conference, can have a claim only for the time that he may be connected with this Conference.

EVENING SESSION.

After the devotional exercises the address to the British Conference was read and adopted. Dr. Pickett was then appointed Financial Agent for the three Conferences. A communication from the New Connection Conference, asking modification of one of the articles of secession of Union was considered and agreed to. This provides that any action of the General Conference affecting the action of the General Conference shall be binding unless disapproved of by a majority of the Conference thus affected.

Res. That each of the Annual Conferences must secure men for its own stations. The sending letters of condolence to Mrs. Smith, Mann, and Morris, read and adopted.

EIGHTH DAY.—FRIDAY, JULY 3.

After the opening exercises, a committee was appointed for the examination of Theological candidates. Resolved, that young men attending the Institutions go back to the Conference from which they came.

Resolved, That in the absence of the laymen belonging to the Annual Missionary Committee the laymen of the General Missionary Committee shall be elected by the General Conference.

Report of appropriation Committee received. It was found that upon the basis of last year, \$11,847 dollars would be needed from the Missionary Board to supply deficiencies for the coming year.

Resolved, That all resolutions affecting Quarterly Boards be printed in the Minutes.

Resolved, That henceforth the claims of both Foreign and Home Missions be advocated at the same meeting, but otherwise ordered as the General Conference may see fit.

Spiritual report was read and adopted. Very cheering and satisfactory. The thanks of the Conference were presented to J. Lawrence Esq., England— for his efforts in procuring young men; and to the executors of the late J. H. Atwood Esq., for promptness in payment of monies.

The afternoon was occupied as elsewhere (noted), by the local conference in the transaction of local business. The whole proceeded very harmoniously, and was closed by a Conference social meeting in the evening. President McMurray occupied the chair. After singing and prayer by several of the brethren, who earnestly besought the blessing of God to rest upon the untiring efforts of the Board, the meeting was addressed by the Rev. A. T. H. Davies; G. S. Milligan, C. Lookhart, and J. R. Narraway. Touching allusion was made to events in the past and to the fact that this was the last time that, as a Conference, we could look upon each other as brethren, each other's hands. At 10 o'clock the benediction brought all to a close when, after hearty farewells to brethren and to the hospitable friends who had so kindly and generously cared for us during this lengthy Conference, most of us were soon heard to be waiting to convey us from this scene of our labors. We need not say that this gathering in Charlotte town will long be remembered. The kindness of the people, the beauty of the scenery, the gracious influence pervading the place, the wonderful results of the year's meeting, and the great importance of the business transacted, render this, not only the last but the most memorable of the sessions of the Conference of Eastern British America.

J. R. B.

CONFERENCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The first session of the Conference was held in Charlottetown church on Friday afternoon July 2d at 2 1/2 o'clock. This new departure was initiated by call of the Rev. J. H. Atwood to the chair and appointing the Rev. R. A. Temple secretary pro tem. After singing a part of the 418th hymn the Rev. J. Lathern engaged in prayer.

The roll of members having been called, the Conference proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Rev. J. Mc Murray was elected President almost unanimously. Rev. R. A. Temple, Secretary. Rev. S. F. Heustis, Journal Secretary.

The President and Secretary on taking their office thanked the Conference for this proof of their confidence, considering it an honor to be the first elected to these positions in the New Connection.

Rev. A. D. Morton A. M. Rev. C. J. A. M. and Rev. J. Rogers appointed sub-secretaries. The chairman of Districts are as follows:—

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5. A vote of thanks to Dr. Pickett for his services in the past, in connection with this Fund.

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Lists of subscribers are being sent out to the different circuits this week. Some ministers will find still a few who have not paid for their papers as at once. If we receive no notice to the contrary, delinquents will now be cut off. Brethren, do not allow subscribers to lose their papers through want of a little attention. The WESLEYAN will help you.

THE OLD TRICK AGAIN.—The Berwick Camp Meeting gives rise to criticism. The Acadia Recorder of Halifax sends its special reporter to the ground, and the result is columns of abuse under the guise of candour and disinterestedness. A rallying company of negro minstrels—the messengers of white men who blacken themselves for money; a fifth class Circus—a beggarly specimen of any kind; in short, what would pay the Recorder five dollars for advertising, might obtain commendations brilliant as purchased pens could paint them; but a camp-meeting, that excites ridicule, and calls on the penny-liner's poetry and wit.

If we were not so far behind the age as to countenance newspapers like the Recorder in society, even the solitary subscriber who reads its pages would never, at this date, meet such paragraphs as we have alluded to. The camp-meeting is something new in Nova Scotia. In the United States, against order and freedom, it has advanced, until all over the land the churches anticipate its services and throng to them by tens of thousands. In a single leading newspaper in New York we find twenty eight camp-meetings advertised, to meet in regular succession. They are attended by Bishops, Governors, statesmen, philanthropists; they bring together hosts of men and women, with a common object of seeking and saving the lost, and are followed by large and permanent additions to the churches of different denominations.

In most branches of the Church of Christ, there is something equivalent to the camp-meeting. Calling them by different names, they have one aim,—to bring the people to a consideration of religious subjects and lead them to repentance.

The Recorder has recently come out in a new dress of modern type; but its spirit and principles continue much like the church it represents, antiquated, illiberal and impudent. It ought to be obliged to us, though, for thus introducing it to respect able society. We hope our readers will forgive us!

COMING TO LIGHT.—For many years it has been suspected by Protestants that a secret understanding existed between the Pope of Rome and many clergymen in the Episcopal Church. Documents have been published purporting to be something in the form of dispensations from his Holiness to certain priests permitted to remain for a season and a purpose within the folds of the Episcopal Body. These seemed so utterly presumptuous, however, that the suspected parties got the benefit of the doubt. Lately there have been strange revelations. The guardians of the Episcopal Church have been anxiously probing to its depths, evidence which reached them from time to time in regard to a deadly conspiracy against their life and freedom. It is now well established,—indeed we have seen the papers affording ample testimony,—that a secret organization has been in existence for some time, whose aim is to establish within the Church of England everywhere doctrines and practices essentially Popish. To this "Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament," several clergymen in these Provinces, and others with whose names, though the individuals are now removed to other countries, churches are familiar, have attached themselves. Two or three in Halifax, one in Charlottetown, and several who held positions as military chaplains in these Provinces, are conspicuous among the number. A very animated discussion was caused in the Episcopal Synod which recently met in Halifax, by a charge of this nature against one of its members. The indignation among Evangelical Churchmen is intense. The whole struggle of the Reformation evidently lies again before the Church of England. May the providence of God raise up leaders—fearless, gifted, strong men to nail the tethers of Protestantism once more on the doors of every cathedral, and stand upon the principle of Justification by Faith, God being their helper!

RESIGNATION.—We have to record with satisfaction that the Halifax School Board is neither deaf nor blind. Public feeling and dissatisfaction have been making an impression upon its members. Its sessions, once conducted in strictest privacy, are now open to the world and the press. Its voice has come gradually to favor the establishment of a high school. And our Father Hannan has resigned!

We shall trust that the Government and the Board will now see the necessity of further and radical changes to meet outside reasonable agitation, and act accordingly. Let the schools which are essentially Roman Catholic, their teachers unlawfully receiving, their text books and images in plain violation of our educational compact, be dismissed from the regular grant. It was sheer folly, if not actual betrayal of trust, to permit such flagrant evils to grow under the very eyes of educational guardians. They may rest assured now that no statement will be accepted short of a most equitable adjustment of all interests in the sacred trust committed to their care.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan.—WESTVILLE MINES ON THE 12TH OF JULY.

Mr. Editor,—One of the most interesting scenes which our young country can present, was witnessed last Sabbath in Westville, the spot where the terrible colliery explosion took place last year. This was an open air service among the inhabitants under the auspices of the Acadia Loyal Orange Lodge. The 12th falling on Sabbath, it was determined to make the occasion one of religious interest and profit to the community generally. Invited by the Lodge to proclaim from its platform the glorious salvation of Christ, I reached Westville on Saturday afternoon. The first view of the country is to the eye of the stranger a very strange one, on account of the blackness of the roads, produced by using coal dust as a road making material. It appeared as if the earth itself had gone into mourning for those who had died so untimely, and refused to take off her robes. They slept together in one simple but careful enclosure, who died together on the terrible day of the blast, when an earnest shout from their mouth to the very heavens, its breath of flame. So wide and long a picketed yard is one of the sad sights which are yet unusual in our land.

Sabbath morning dawned beautifully. Early rising was the rule in the house of my kind host, Mr. Saml. W. Wilson, where, with other households would do well to adopt. At half-past nine the Order, whose Anniversary it was, met at their Hall, and at eleven marched to grounds close by, tastefully prepared for the day's worship. The community were present in great numbers. Divine presence was felt. In company with those who in another part of our Province were then gathered in the open air for worship, and with those who in other years had met in the open air, we were gathered in the open air, and with those who in other years had met in the open air, we were gathered in the open air.

The closing service, on Tuesday afternoon, was held in the Wesleyan Methodist church, W. W. Darby, of the church of England, and the writer. For three days we had pleasant weather, a sea almost as smooth as glass and therefore little to note that would be of interest to any one. The ordinary routine of ship duty, the breakfast, lunch and dinner, the falling half sick, the reading a book, falling asleep over it and waking up in blissful ignorance of everything it contains, all of the slowly rolling hours of a pleasant day at sea. On the fourth day the weather changed. The wind blew and lashed old ocean into fury, and the waves came dashing over our gallant ship, while passengers showed their sympathy with hungry fish by casting breakfast into the sea. While memory holds her seat the 19th of April can never be effaced from our mind. On the evening of that day we sighted Kandavu, one of the Feejee Islands, but too late to enter the harbor. Consequently after coming quite close to land we had to stand by and wait until the morning, when we blew a gale, and the ship being heavily laden, every mountain sea washed her from bow to stern, while by the unrelenting elements of wind and water we were tossed with what to the eye of man would appear, mercurial fury for twelve long hours. Some times under water, and sometimes borne upon the bosom of a foaming billow—now our ship stood on her beam ends sending the passengers reeling like drunken men; and anon she pitched into the foaming elements, sending crockery, chairs and tables in one broken mass, dancing, leaping and jingling through the saloon, like furies in haunted palaces. At four o'clock, a m. the ship rolled until some of the passengers declared that she turned a somersault; and though not true of the ship, it was not far from being true in relation to some of her frantic occupants. At seven o'clock, on Monday, we safely entered the harbor of Kandavu, full of thankfulness to Him who holds the winds in his fists and measures the waters in the hollow of his hand. Kandavu is of volcanic formation. It is mountainous picturesque, covered with perpetual green and has twelve thousand inhabitants. Coconut trees, orange trees and banana plants abound. Mount Washington, at the south-west is said to be one thousand seven hundred feet above the level of the sea. Less than forty years ago the inhabitants of all the Feejee Islands were cannibals; but now more than one hundred thousand are Christians connected with the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson came in the Mission Boat manned by six native students and took the Rev. Mr. Dare and the writer to the Mission station, eight miles distant. In sailing along the north side of Kandavu, where the rocky shore is perpendicular and of great height, we saw a beautiful cascade in which the water rolled in majestic grandeur and fell perpetually over a precipice upon the beach below, a distance of which Mr. Dare judged to be three hundred feet. The volume of water was small of course. Still the sight was grand. There steadily rolled the sparkling torrent, falling a much greater distance than the waters of the Niagara. When we reached the headquarters of the Mission, Mrs. Robinson was on the beach to give us a cordial welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have been eight years among the Feejeans and a visit from English-speaking friends is highly appreciated; and the many kind attentions which we received from them shall long live in a grateful heart. The Mission house is situated upon a hill commanding a beautiful prospect; and from the beach you make a serpentine tour around and up the hill through a beautiful coconut grove to the house.

The valley below is planted with coconut trees, among which are houses forming a Feejeean village. Indeed all the villages are in Feejeean plantations. The Feejeans have a saying that the coconut tree cannot live within the sound of human voice. Consequently wherever you see a coconut plantation, you may be sure there is a native village. We visited several of the native families and dined with one of them. Their domestic habits are very simple. They use neither chairs nor knives or forks. They sit upon clean matting spread upon the floor and eat with their fingers and then wash their hands in clean water which is in a coconut shell by their side. Breadfruit, yam, boiled fish and salt placed upon a palmetto leaf formed the staple of our dinner. But being very hungry we enjoyed it exceedingly; and while seated among our Feejeean friends contrasted the simple arrangement before us with the parade made in some of our highly civilized countries when strangers are entertained. Truly those children of nature escape Martha's trouble and get Mary's blessing. In physical appearance the Feejeans have few equals and no superiors we have yet seen. They are strong, athletic, well developed men and women. We were several times through the mud and water on the back of an Feejeean student; and he carried us as easily apparently as we would carry our little boy of three years. And what is better they are devoted Christians living up to the light they have. Mr. Robinson assured us that there is not a family among the twelve thousand inhabitants of Kandavu but has daily family prayer; and for the eight years he has lived among them, he never knew a Feejeean to steal, though he never looked his house over when absent from home. We had a practical example of this in the case of the Feejeans who were offered the ship; but not one of them would accept. They all left the ship on Saturday evening and none of them returned until Monday morning, while all Americans and Englishmen most deservingly of the name christian? Feejeean furnishes one of the most signal triumphs of Gospel truth witnessed since apostolic days.

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