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When you draw the curtain's bright fold And shut ont the fierce freezing cold; When fires are warmest and brightest, And hearts are gayest and lightest; When soft carpets hush all the echoes, And voices as sort as the cuckoo's
Ring through the close bolted door,
Do you think of the poor?

In your favorite seat, at your ease. While over the ivory keys Your daughter's white fingers are stray

ing-How fair she is at her playing, As pure as the sweet Madonna That looks from the wall upon her-When the song is finished and o'er, Do you think of the poor?

Do you think with a sigh of pity Of the cellars all over the city, So dark, and dismal and cold, Where huddle the young and the old-Huddle and freeze together In the terrible winter weather-As for you the happy hours wane, Do you think of their pain?

Do you think of the beauty and sweetness Of womanhood's lovely completeness, Sold for a morsel of bread. And a place for the fair guilty head? Sold when temptation was dire. Crushed like a rose in the mire—

With your pure, happy daughters and mothers, Do you think of these others?

To-day the glad bells are ringing, And choral voices are singing His praises, who, born with the lowly Taught that love only makes holy; Saying, oh, brother to thee ; What thou dost for these is for Me." We may forget, but be sure,

-Mrs M. F. Butts.

1876 - 1877.

He thinks of his poor.

I looked and saw an old man sitting with a lruge folio on his knees, over which he was intently poring, and he appeared to be engaged in casting up a sum of considerable length. The page open before him was numbered 365, and beneath was a date, December 31, 1876. He had nearly accomplished his task, and only turned from it to look occasionally at the clock on the wall, the hands of which were fast approaching the hour of twelve. They reached it at last. The clock struck, and the old man with a sigh closed the mysterious volume, and was about to rise and place it on his shelf among many others of a similar size and shape, when I observed with astonishment my own name on the cover.

"Stop," I cried with much emotion

"stop and let me see the contents." "Well then," he murniured, "have your will: come hither;" and he rereplaced the volume on his knees, and suffered me to turn over its pages. I found them to contain a journal of all my aims and wishes, thoughts and feelings, words and deeds, through the past year. I ran my eve hastily over the whole. There was scarcely an entry that was not more or less dark and ominous. Those acts and intentions of which I had hoped the best were all of them infected; either in the motives that led to them, the feeling that accompanied them, or in some other little matter that was otherwise connected with them; the plague spot was still discoverable, tainting and poisioning the whole. The wonderful minuteness. also, of the details ntterly overwhelmed me. Things that I had altogether overlooked or forgotten were here carefully judgment, let Thy name be found inrecorded and commented on.

ble that the eye of God can take cognizance of trifles like these?"

"Trifles!" he replied; "there are no trifles among the concerns of man. Nothing can be trifling that affects the glory of God, or the eternal condition of souls; and this is the case with every act and moment of man's life. Men are always living either well or ill. They are doing either right or wrong through every moment of their

actual transgression bring no more guilt on us than amere passing emotion | ministers did, in the study, but in the of the heart?"

"Not quite so," he rejoined; "but your views, I perceive on this subject are very imperfect. God is a Spirit. He sees and hates sins wherever found, Above all, He abhors it in the heart. It is there that He desires to establish His own dwelling-place, and from thence that He locks for His service and praise. But can the Most Holy dwell with sin? or can He relish a tainted tribute? Words and actions are only the out-gushings of the spirit within; and until the fountain-head is made pure, in vain shall we expect purity in the streams that flow from

"I see, then," said I, that on this supposition my case is an alarming one. to be praved for; my hest feelings and doings are not merely imperfect, but

advancement of our own spiritual interests, is a waste of hours and talents which God has bestowed on us.'

"Waste of hours! Alas!" I exclaimed. "how large an item must this make in the account against me !"

"It does," he answered, "it does; look:" and he turned to the general summing up of the past year. "Look." he continued, "at this squandering of precious hours; of hours the purchase of a Saviour's blood; of hours wrung by infinite mercy from the hand of eternal justice for you; of hours, for one of which the spirits now in prison would leap in their chains; of hours which can now never be recalled, and each of which has borne you on nearer to death, to judgement to eternity.' I looked at the list. What a desolation of privileges and opportunity!

"And what," said the sage, "if I were to add to these the convictions you have stifled, the awakenings you have hushed, the warnings you have slighted, the persuasions you have rejected, the resolves you have broken, the trials you have spared, the dangers you have escaped, the respites that have been begged for you again and again, the anxious looks that have been sent forth from heaven for your repentance, and the joy that would even now animate every bosom there could it but be said, 'Behold he prayeth!' Oh! God is love! God is love! He waiteth to be gracious. The Saviour of sinners opens His everlasting arms, and says, "Come unto Me, and find rest to your souls.' His blood clean seth from all sin : and hap py for you, for all, if you might begin the entries of the coming year with a record of contrition and faith on your part, and of grace, of pardoning, and of sustaining grace on His !"

"Be it so," I exclaimed, when deep emotion left me the power of utterance; " be it even so. Lord Jesus. Over the records of the past, when brought into scribed : and for the temptation of the counsel."

"What!" I exclaimed, "is it possi- future let Thy grace be imparted, and THE LATE BISHOP GEORGE D. ible at some distance from the couch it will, I know, be sufficient. Here I would begin the year by giving myself to Thee. Dwell in my heart by Thy

HINTS FOR MINISTERS.

"I had resolved, on coming to Edin-"What then?" I replied, "shall gross | burgh to give my evenings to my family: to spend them not as many parlor, among the children.

"The sad fate of many city ministers' families warned me to beware of their practice. Spending the whole day in the services of the public, they retired to spend the evening within their studies, away from their children, whose ill-habits and ill-doing in their future career showed how they had been scriffeed on the altar of public duty. This I thought no father was warranted in doing.

"Thus the only time left me for preparation for the pulpit, composing my sermons and so thoroughly committing them that they rose without an effort to my memory,-and therefore appeared as if born on the spur and stimulus of the moment-was found in the I may indeed cry aloud "My leanness! morning. For some years after commy leanness! Woe is me!" My very tears need be washed; my very prayers to be prayed for; my hest feelings and got through my de fing and private

"Even so." he mournfully replied was seated at my desk, having till nine 'all that is not done to the glory of o'clock, when we breakfasted, three ing my daily practice, gave me as much as eighteen hours in each week andters, whether in town or country. It pulpit to preach with fullnes, freshness, and power."-Dr. Guthrie.

> THAT QUESTION OF THE NORTH Pole refuses to be buried. Disappointment has only whetted the appetite of venturous explorers. 2 The cruel North will claim more victims yet; whether it will yield up its secret then-supposing it to have a secret-is not so cer-

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A London letter says: "Perhaps the most curious thing is that the non-success of the British expedition to the Pole and the declaration made that to reach the Pole is impossible, has created a desire to make another attempt. Indeed the project of another expedition is now in contemplation, and I should not be surprised if one were to start next spring. This much seems to be certain, and that is, there will be no further attempt made by the way of Smith's Sound. The present expedition has demonstrated that this route is an impracticable one.

A PRESBYTERIAN minister having, a his request, baptized a young man by immersion, the Presbytery declared it cont rary to the principles of the Presbyterian Church. The matter was carried to the Synod of Philadelphia, and gave rise to a warm debate; Immersion was said to be opposed to the Confession of Faith; but it was argued that in a number of Presbyterian Churches, people could be either immersed or sprinkled. The Synod hardly sustained the action of the Presbytery but requested all parties concerned to interpret its finding rs giving "fraternal

CUMMINS.

Holy Spirit, and mold me to Thy will!" the Reformed Episcopal Church, was crisis had passed, and that he would In the violence of my excitement I born in Smyrna, Delaware, December recever; but his physicians were of a awoke—it was a dream. And morning 11th, 1822. He was ducated at Dick-different opinion, and apprised him ushered in the comics year.—Sunday inson College, under the patronage of that the end was near. He received was converted under the preaching of gradually. the Methodist ministry, and was connected, subsequently, with the Bilti-

and in October, 1845, was ordained dea- "Darling do you know me?" he recon by Bishop Lee of Delaware, by whom he was also made a presbyter, when again she inquired, "Do you in July, 1847. The degree of Doctor know Jesus?" he brightened up, with of Divinity was conferred upon him by all the energy of which he was capable, Princeton College, in 1856. His first "Yes I know Him!" Soon afterwards charge was the parish of Christ's Church, Norfolk, Va.; his next, that of St. James's Chur :b, Richmond, in the same State; then, that of Trinity Church, Washington, D. C., which was followed by that of St. Peter's Church, Baltamore, M.D., when, finally, he was called to preside over that of Trinity Church,

While in charge of this last parish, he was elected Assistant Bishop of Kentucky, and was consecrated in Christ's Church, Louisville, November lips. 18th, 1866. The Bishop of Vermont performed the consecratory service, assisted by the Bishops of Kentucky and Iowa-the latter of whom preached the sermon. The Assistant Bishops of Indisna and of Tennessee, the Missionary

The low-church views of Bisl "all that is not done to the glory of God, to the good of mankind, or to the unbroken hours before me. This beoccasion to censure the ritualistic ten- way, N. J. These accompanied the dencies and practices of the churches in remains to the station, whence they instead of the Friday and Saturday- the See of Kentucky. In 1873, he was were taken to the Church of the Rethe whole six days to ruminate and present at the meeting of the Evangeli- deemer, Baltimore, where the regular digest and do the utmost justice in my cal Alliance in New York, and pursued service was performed at noon. Bepower to my sermon. A practice like a course that caused a great deal of sides the ministers already named. this I would recommend to all minis- discussion within the Episcopal deno- there were present : Bishop C. E. mination. Soon after he witharew Cheney, and Rev. S. Fallows, recently secures ample time for preparation, from the Protestant Episcopal Church, elected Bishop. The services were brings a man fresh each day to his and originated a body which is known conducted by several of the clergy, and alloted portion of his work, keeps his as the Reformed Episcopal Church brief addresses were made by Bishop sermon simmering in his mind all the The first General Council of this new Nicholson and Bishop Cheney. Upon week through, till the subject takes denomination assembled in the City of the conclusion of these, the remains possession of him, and, as the conse- New York, December 2d, 1873, when all were taken to Loudoun Park Cemetery. quence, he comes on Sabbath to his the steps necessary to the efficient or- and interred besides the grave of the ganization of the body were taken. At Bishop's mother.

elected President of that Assembly. new branch of the Church of Christ in his purely extempore efforts." that he had founded.

of Bishop Cummins was cold, taken ning service on Sunday, June 18th, was perspiring freely, after his exertions; and being anxious to reach his home in Lutherville, had not taken suf-Before he had reached the station, he felt suddenly indisposed, as if from acute inflammation.

On reaching his home, the symptoms of his case became more and more dangerous, refusing to yield to the most astute medical treatment; and his bodily sufferings became so intense in two or three days, from the high state of inflammation that the pulsations of the heart were distinctly aud-

on which he lav. On Monday, June 26th, all pain having ceased suddenly, George David Cummins, D. D., of he began to entertain the hope that the the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the intelligence with Christian resiggraduated with distinction in 1841. He nation, after which he began to sink

At this supreme moment, the fruits of his well-spent life were spread before more Methodist Episcopal Conference. him as on a golden salver, and he tast-In 1844, he studied for the ministry ed of their refreshing sweetness; for, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, when his grief-stricken wife asked him plied, yes dear, I know you." And he repeated the first line of the hymn-

"Jesus, lover of my soul." On being asked whether he had any word to send to the Church, he answered, while a glow of enthusiasm lit up his features for a moment, "Yes, tell themito go forward and do a grandwork!" Than failing rapidly, and just eight days after he had been stricken down, he fell asleep in the fifty-fourth year of his age, with the words. "Jesus, precious Saviour," trembling upon his

The funeral obsequies took place on

the following Wednesday, the 28th,

commencing with a short service at the

family residence, in Lutherville, near

Baltimore, Md. Besides friends and

neighbors, there were present; Bishop W. R. Nicholson, Rev. Messrs. Poste-thwaite, Leynolds and Washburn, of

the second General Council, convened | Bishop Fallows, in referring to the in New York also, May, 1874, he was oratorical powers of Bishop Cummins, observes: "His style was remarkable During the seven years of the per- for its crystalline clearness. 'The formance of his functions as a bishop, golden lamp' of his thought could his exertions on behalf of the Christian never be seen in its pellucid depths. Church generally were most unremit- He selected, seemingly on the instant. ting and meritorious. He was sincere, the most happily-fitting words to coneloquent and able : and given to labor vey his meaning, as the magnet seizes and to thought in connection with his the particles of steel out of the interhigh mission. He was, in truth, a mingled mass. Sentences rounded. faithful guide and guardian in all and golden periods apparently polished things pertaining to his flock, and had with the most elaborate attention, folset his heart upon the success of the lowed each other in constant succession

It had been thought by some that It appears that the cause of the death | the demise of this able and faithful worker, would militate against the stawhile riding in an open carriage to the bility of the new denomination : but railway station in Baltimore, after eve- the steadily increasing prosperity of the body may be inferred from the fact having preached twice on that day. He | that a new church belonging to it is now in course of erection in Newarke, N. J.; while quite recently the cornerstone of another such edifice was laid in ficient precaution to wrap himself up. the city of New York, with most imposing ceremonies, on the corner of Fifty-fifth Street and Madison Avenue. There were present upon the latter occasion a very large and influential concourse, among whom were the Rev. Bishops Nicholson and Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church ; Bishop Reinke, of the Moravian Church : the Rev. Drs. Robinson, Hepworth, Deems, Tyng, and others. This church is to be in the charge of the Rev. W. T.

#### 'WESLEYAN' ALMANAC, DECEMBER, 1876.

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THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornellis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and

High water at Pictou and Jape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annaports, St. John, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours at 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfound-May 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax. At Charictown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, 2 hours 54 minutes ATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours 20 minutes LATER.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.—Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum sub-stract the time of rising. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Substract the the of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the time of rising next morning

#### CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIFS IN WESTMINSTER HALL.

Our early kings kept this great Christian festival in the Grand Hall at Westminster-" Rufus's Roaring Hall" -from the Anglo-Norman times. Here John held his Christmas feasts in 1218 and 1214; and Henry III. in 1284 1238, and 1241; and in 1248, whilst Henry himself kept Christmas at Winchester, he commanded his treasurer a to fill the King's great hall from Christmas Day to the Day of Circumoision (January Ist) with poor people. and feast them there." In the next (Edward I.) reign, in 1277, Llewellyn Prince of Wales, sat a guest at the Christmas feast in Westminster Hall. In 1290, 1292, and 1303, Edward I. also kept Christmas here ; as did Edward II in 1817, when, however, few nobles were present, " because of discord between them and the King;" but in 1329, he kept Christmas " with great honour and glorie."

Edward III. was a right royal provider of Christmas cheer. The art of cookery was now well understood; and the making of blancmanges, tarts and pies, and the preparing of rich soups of the brawn of capons, were among the cook's duties at this period. French cooks were employed by the nobility; and in the merchants' feast we find jellies of all colours, and in all figuresflowers, trees, beasts, fish, fowl, and fruit. The wines were "a collection of spiced liquors;" and cinnamon, grains of paradise, and ginger were in the dessert confections. Edward kept his Christmas in Westminster Hall in 135%, and had for his guests at the banquet the captive King of France, and David, King of Scotland. And in 1362, King David and the King of Cyprus met here at two grand entertainments given by King Edward.

Richard II , according to Stow, gave " a house-warming in this hall," upon the completion of this magnificent edifice of "profuse hospitality," when he feasted 10,000 persons. We need not wonder, then, that Richard kept 2000 cooks; they were learned in their art, and have left to the world " The Form of Cury; or, A Roll of English Cookery, compiled about the year 1390, by the Mister Cook of Richard II." In 1399, Richard kept Christmas sitting in the great hall, in cloth-of-gold, garnished with pearls and precious stones, worth 3000 marks.

In 1478, Edward IV. kept Christmas here with great pomp, wearing his crown, and making costly presents to his household. Richard III., although his reign was short and turburlent, kept two Christmases here in sumptous state; one in 1487, when chronicles Philip de Comines, " he was reigning in greater splendour than any King of England for the last hundred years.' Next year he solemnized the festival most splendidly, and so attentive was the King to trivial matters, that we and a warrage for the payment of + 200 the matter in charge - Toronto Mail. Tyng, and others. This church is to the charge of the Rev. W. A.

marks for certain New Year's gifts against the feast of Christmas." The festivities continued till the day of Epiphany, when they terminated with an extraordinary feast-" the King himself," says the historian of Croyland, "wearing his crown, and holding a splendid feast in the great hall, similar to that of his coronation."

Henry VII., though little inclined to spending money, kept the ninth Christmas of his reign with great magnificence in Westminster Hall; feasting the Lord Mayor and Alderman of London, and showing them sports on the night following, hung with tapestry which sports being ended in the morning, the King, Queen and Court sat down at a table of stone to 120 dishes placed by as many knights and squires while the Mayor was served with twenty-four dishes, and abundance of wines. And, finally, the King and Queen being conveyed with great lights into the palace, the Mayor and his company, in barges, returned to London by break of the next day. Henry VIII. mostly kept his Christmas at Richmond, Greenwich and Eltham. Edward VI., at Christmas 1552, kept one of the most magnificent revellings on record; but in Queen Mary's short and gloomy reign the Christmas festivities were neglected. They were, however, renewed by Queen Elizabeth, when plays and masques were specially patronized, and the children of St. Paul's and Westminster often performed before the Queen.

We part from these pictures of the Royal Christmas of centuries since, as from one of Time's stately pageants; which bring the picturesqueness of the past into vivid contrast with the more widely-spread hospitalities of the present age; reminding us that, although Westminster Hall may he void and gloomy on the coming Christmas Day, greater enjoyment than was yielded by the prodigal heaps of luxury once consumed within those walls, is now, with each returning festival, scattered through the length and breadth of the land, and the national wealth of Christmas is thus brought home to every Englishman's fireside.

For the celebrations at Colleges and Inns of Court, the Great Halls were malmsey were served for breakfast. and the dinner in the Hall was a grand affair; between the two courses, first came the master of the game, then the ranger of the forests; and having blown three blasts of the hunting-born, they paced three times round the fire. then in the middle of the Hall. Certain courtesies followed, nine or ten couple of hounds were brought in, with a fox and cat, both which were set upon by the dogs, amid blowing of horns. and killed beneath the fire. At the close of the second course, the oldest of the masters of the revels sang a song; after some repose and further revels. supper was served, which being over, the marshal was borne in by four men. on a sort of scaffold, three times round the fire, crying, "A lord," &c., after which he came down and went to dance. The Lord of Misrule then addressed himself to the banquet, which ended with minstrelsy, mirth, and dancing. The Christmas masque at Gray's Inn, in '592, was very magnificent. In 1592, the head of colleges at Cambridge acted a Latin comedy at Christmas before Queen Elizabeth; and in 1607, there was a cele rated exhibition of the Christmas Prince at St. John's College, Oxford.

THE CENTEENIAL AWARDS TO CANA-DA .- Arrangements are being made in accordance with a meeting of Canadian exhibitors at the Centennial, held in Philadelphia on the 15th of last month, for a grand banquet, at which it is probable his Excellency the Governor General, if he will accept an invitation to be present. shall present the successful Canadian competitors with the medals they won. It is intended to have the banquet in Ottawa soon after the opening of the session, and to invite to it, besides the Governor Genal, the Lieutant Governor of the various Provinces, the members of the Dominion and several Provincial Cabinets, the United States Centennial Commissioners, the Foreign Commissioners and Consuls, the Mayors of the cities and towns in the Dominion, and any other gentlemen approved by the general committee having

state of inflammation that the pulsa- be in

tions of the heart were distinctly and. Sabine

ST. NICHOLAS.

St. Nicholas! time honor'd name!
Memories of thee are backward flung,
When childhood's merry Christmas came,
And stockings 'round the chimney hung, How sorely puzzled we have been, Wondering what he would ever do, To bring our presents nice and clean, Down that small, sooty, chimney flue. And we had staid awake that night, Watching for Santa Clans to come, Hoping of him to catch one sight, Within our cosy little room. But no, alas! t'was all in vain, He ne'er would put himself in view,

No matter how our eyes we'd strain, We found that it would "never do." And then, when sleepy, tired, cold, We'd nestle in our bed so warm, And dream, a Saint so wondrous old Could miracles, with ease, perform. We took but precious little sleep. At the first streak of dawn's grey light, Into our stockings we must peep. And spread our gifts before our sight. No sleep again was to be had, Among the merry girls and boys. No one could sleep, it was "too bad," Amid the jubilant shouts and noise, We always thought it was so nice, To have our merry Christmas sport, When earth is robed in snow and ice, And days were dall, and cold and short. And as the years rolled round again, We watched thy coming from afar; As when on old Judea's plain, The wise men hailed the beaming star. Which rose upon the happy earth, In radiant beauty fixed to show, The place of our Redeemer's birth, That first glad Christmas long ago. And the first Christmas gifts were spread Rare perfume, incense, precious gold Beside Immanuel's lowly bed, When wandering shepherds left their fold

And angels sang to Bethlehem's sons, "To you this day, a Saviour's born." And joy is With the little ones, As was with angels on that morn. Thou'lt come and go, bring thy own joy, And presents yet, a pleuteous store, To every happy girl and boy, Each year, till "time shall be no Guysboro'.

Dr. Waddr was the brightest and most vivid of men in society. No one that ever passed a free hour in social intercourse with him could believe that even Sydney Smith was a wittier man or uttered more, or more pungent, or more brilliant mots. Every sentence sparkled, every repartee flashed. Now graceful, now caustic, now irresistibly comic and grotesque, the play of his wit was incessent and inexhaustible. Puns from his leps were not mere jingles; they were on apposite sometimes specially adapted. In 1561, the Christ- so multiply in Propartness—that they mas revels at the Inner Temple were were not seldon to of a rare order. On very splendid; brawn, mustard and sufficient provocation he could be severely witty. A lady many years ago received from him at table a helping that seemed rather bountiful. "O, Mr, Waddy she said, how much you have given me-quite a cartload!" In due time, however, with a sort of apology, she intimated to him that the fare was so excellent she would have to trouble him for a little more. "Certainly, ma'am," was the smart reply;" back your cart up." Sitting at dinner near an open window that opened toward Cheapside, the noise from that busy thoroughfare interfered with the flow of conversation, and he asked for the window to be closed. "I thought," said some one, "that you liked air. Dr. Waddy." "It is not the air," he replied, "to which I object, but the accompaniement." Riding in the train with a weakling and foppish youth, who lisped out an inquiry as to whether he would have any objection if he smoked a cigar, Dr. Waddy, after surveying the youth with a somewhat deliberate air of criticism, said blandly, " My only objections is that I fear it may make you ill."

> No samples, however, can convey any just idea of the everlasting flow of wit from his lips. The multitude and incessancy of his witticisms, indeed, prevented more than a very few from being remembered. They effaced each other. One, however, just occurs to me as I now write, and was about to quit the subject, which I cannot refrain from giving it so comical, and at the same time of so pastoral a character. Dr. Waddy was at one time not only governor and chaplain of Wesley College, Sheffield but chairman (as we call it) of the Sheffield District. On one of the evenings of the district session an excellent brother-gifted too, as well as goodhad been appointed to preach what should have been the principal sermon of the district session. Unfortunately the preacher was neither easy nor powerful in preaching, but he was long; and before he had ended, his congregation ministers included, had largely melted

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service was over, went into the vestry, and found Dr. Waddy there, the preacher having disappeared. The minister expressed to the doctor his regret that the service had been so marred and so protracted "Ah, well!" was the instant reply you see it was a conci oad clerum," (ad [to] clear 'em.) Many an address to the clergy before has been a sermon to clear 'em; but never, perhaps, had so felicitous and at the same time grotesquea pun been made on such an occasion.—English Cor. Advocate.

DR. SHLIEMANN'S DISCOVERIES IN GRECE.-Dr. Schliemann, the German explorer, has sent the following dispatch to the King of Greece :-

To His Majesty King George. With unbounded joy I aunounce to Your Majesty that I have discovered the monument which the tradition related by Pausanius, indicates as the tombs of Agamenmon, Cassandras, Edrymedon and their companions who were killed while feasting at a banquet by Clycenntsa and her lover Ægisthus.

professed Christ during the meetings These tombs are surrounded by a double paralell circle, with tablets undoubtedly erected to the honor of the victims. In these tombs I have found ammense archmological treasures and numbers of articles of pure gold.

The treasure alone is sufficient to fill a large museum, and the most splendid in the world. In succeeding ages I am sure it will attract to Greece thousands of strangers from abroad. As I am laboring simply for the love of science I waive all claim to the treasure, and offer it with intense enthusiasm, entirely to Greece.

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DR. HENRI SCHLIEMANN. Mycenæ, Nov. 28, 1876.

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Nor dare, thou flushed and flattered East The Sun of Righteousness to stay, Now that the long dark night hath ceased And souls are hungry for the day.

On mountain tops bright heralds stand, With beautiful and shining feet, And publish over sea and land The welcome tidings glad and sweet.

He comes! the sky is all on fire We see the bannered pomp unfurled The advancing splendor rushing higher, To flood and overflow the world.

#### OBITUARY.

## "IN MEMORIAM."

BY MES. J. SHENTON. Died at Athol, of Diptheria, Flora Eliza, aged 11 years and 8 months, only daughter of Fred. A. and Eliza Donkin. I give a short account of her happy

death, in her mother's own words: "She

held here in January and February of

this year, and was received into the Methodist Church of this place. On Sun. day, the 15th October, she attended church in the morning, and Sabbath-school in the afternoon; it was about four o'clock when she returned. At six she was very ill. We did all we could to save her, but it was death from the first hour. She took no food for the seven days she lived. her stomach rejected every thing; but her mind expanded wonderfully in those seven days of suffering; the activity or her naturally active mind was greatly intensified, and her preceptions were wonderfully clear. Death to her had no other sting than that of leaving her parents. She asked me if the struggles of death were very hard, and about an hour before she died, she turned her face close to mine, and said,-" Ma, it is harder to die than I thought it was;" but no sound of complaint came from her line. On Friday we thought her dying, but oh! it was so hard to give her up; we plead with God to spare her to us. But then, as she lingered and suffered in the agonies of death, we were constrained to ask our Heavenly father to release her for it seemed as though her departure was only delayed for our comfort. For hours before she left us, her face was radiant with a heavenly light that I never saw on mortal face before. Amid the most intense suffering, she would look upon us and smile; but oh! that smile, I can never forget it ; it was not Flora's own, it was glorious. About five minutes before she left us, all pain ceased, she felt the end was reached, "Mamma, do not weep for me! Good bye, papa; O, papa, do not grieve for me, but love God!" She threw her arms around her brother's neck, and said, "Good bye, brother, love God and come to me in heaven!" She then bade thelothers, even the doctor, good bye, leaving the same earnest request. I had moved, to give others a place beside her. She then looked to me; I knelt beside her. She turned her face close to mine closed her mouth and her eyes, and was gone. As she turned her face she smiled; and the angel of death left the smile so sweet and so perfect, that all who looked at her saw its impress.

As she lay in her robes of whiteness With her cold pale hands on her breast, Sad hearts were asking the Master Why so soon he had given her rest? Rest, ere the feet had grown weary, Rest, ere the heart had been sad Why? Oh, why? had he taken their darling So soon, to the world of the glad.

How often we call in our anguish, And list for an answer in vain, And the silence, so dumb and awful, Adds pangs to the old dull pain. How oft hearts are breaking or broken, And life's light goes out of the soul, When his rivers and waves overflow us
And the billows of death round us roll.

Earth's farewells had only been spoken When her pure spirit passed away From the home of her weeping parents And their beautiful idol was clay But the smile that the angel of memory left When her last fond look was given, Was the soul's farewell to the loved ones As she went to her native heaven.

O, hearts that are wounded and weeping Catch a gleam from the glory to be;
The bud is unfolding, in beauty,
That was nipt from your own family tree.
For Heaven's white portal has shut her Away from earth's noise and its din Away from its woes and its sorrow, Away from its anguish and sin.

Safe, where the victor's song floats free, And the anthems of Scraphim blend, And the waves of her life, in beauty flow on Like eternity's day, without end. Up, where the trees of life cluster,
There, where the pearly gates gleam There, where the immortelles blossom, By the side of the crystalline stream.

There, where the dark wing of night-time Never shall darken her skies; There, where the tear drops forevet,
Are wiped from tear bedimmed eve
There, where the full tide of rapture, Throbs with its impulse of praise; There, where she ever beholdeth Jehovah, the ancient of days.

As she lay in her robes of whiten With autumn flowers on her breast, Low and sweet came a voice to the

I have given your loved one rest. Rest, ere the feet had grown westy. Or the pure heart had ever been sad. Called her in bloom and in beauty Away to the land of the glad, the forgotten were last good to

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CERISTRAS EXERCISES FOR INFANT Let me be a soldier boy. CLASS.

CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Tune, "Hold the Forte."

BY JAMES J. REEVES. HARK! the herald angel voices Sounding from afar. Earth is glad, and heaven rejoices; Brightly gleems the star.

> Shout the tidings! Swell the chorus! Hallelujahs sing. Christ is born aud ruleth o'er us. Loud let praises ring!

See the wise men, presents bringing To the new-born King. While the shepherds, carols singing, Make the mountains ring. Shout the tidings! Swell the cborus! Hallelujahs sing.

Christ is born, and ruleth o'er us, Loud let praises ring! So come we with joy and gladness, On this festal night. Christmas-tide dispels all sadness, Bidding us be bright!

Shout the tidings; Swell the chorus! Hallelujahs sing. Christ is born, and ruleth o'er us, Loud let praises ring!

Glory be to God the Father; And on earth be peace. No more discord; but the rather, Let good-will increase. Shout the tidings! Tell the story! Hallelujahs sing. Peace on earth; to God be glory, Loud let praises ring!

Girls.—The Lord is my shepherd, Boys.—I shall not want, G.—He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: B.—He leadeth me beside the still waters.

G.—He restoreth my soul; B.—He leadth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

G.—Yea, though I walked through the valley of the shadow of death, B.-I will fear no evil: G.—For thou art with me;

B.—Thy rod and thy staff comfort me. G.—Thou preparest a table before me, B.—In the presence of mine enemies: G.—Thou anointest my head with oil; B.—My cup runneth over. G .- Surely goodness and mercy shall

follow me. B .- All the days of my life : Both { And I will dwell In the house of the Lord for ever.

(To be recited.) Two little eyes1 to look to God; Two little ears2 to near his word; Two little feet3 to walk in his ways, Two hands4 to work for him all my days. One little tongue5 to speok his truth; One little heart6 for him now in my

youth. Take them, dear Jesus, and let me be Always obedient and true to thee.

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Must look always to Him, And he will show us the way to heaven,9 And teach us to walk there-in, These two little feet3 must be willing, and hasten

To walk in the narrow road; These two little ears2 must only listen, To words that are pure and good.

These two little hands4 must be ready to labor For Jesus all my days: This one little heart must seek his favor; These lips must speak his praise; That when he calls us home<sup>9</sup> to heaven The beautiful city of light,

To each little head10 will then be given

A crown of glory bright.

1.—Let the class touch the eyes a moment with the first finger of both hands. 2.—Touch the ears in the same way. 3.—Stoop a little and look at the feet. 4.-Hands, not arms, extended, palms

upward.

5.—Right forefinger on lower lip. 6.—Right hand over heart. 7.—Heads bowed and bands extended, palms upward, through the two lines. 8.-Look up all together a moment. 9.—Point up with right forefinger.

head with right forefinger. I'm a little soldier boy, Brave and true; Follow me," my Captain says.

Chorus-Raise the banner, join the song, Face the foe; Up with Right and down with Wrong,

On we go. May I be a soldier boy, Brave and true? Have you in your armybright, Room for two? Chorus-Raise the &c.,

Brave and true; Three can battle for the Right. More than two.

Chorus-Raise the. &c.. I'm a little soldier boy, Brave and true;

I can wave the banner-see! Will I do? Chorus-Raise the &c.,

ONLY AN ARMOUR BEARER

1. Only an armour bearer, firmly I stand, Waiting to follow at the King's command: Marching if "Onward" shall the or-

Standing by my Captain, serving faithfully.

Cho. Hear ye the battle cry! "Forward," the call! See! see the faltering ones! backward they fall.

Surley my Captain will remember Tho' but an armour bearer I may

Surly my Captain will remember Tho' but an armour-bearer I may

2. Only an armour-bearer, now in the field, Guarding a shining helmet, sword, and

Waiting to hear the thrilling battle-Ready then to answer, "Master here

am I." Hear ye, &c.,

3. Only an armour-bearer, yet may I share Glory immortal, and a bright crown

If, in the battle, to my trust I'm true, Mine shall be the honors in the Grand Review. Hear ye, &c.,

The Manchester Guardian gives a very intelligent account of the Babylonian antiquities which have been recently received at the British Museum, They were found near Hillah, a town about three miles north of the site of Babylon, and the result of the late George Smith's last expedition. They are chiefly contract tablets, mortage loans, promissory notes, records of the sale of lands, shares and other commodities, representing, in fact, all the various commercial transactions of a Babylonian firm, who may be approximately described as Messrs. Gabi & Sons, bankers and financial agents. Many of the tablets represent the renewal of oans and mortgages, so that the documents referring to the first and the last of continuing transactions bear the dates in different reigns. The dates thus extend from the fall of the Assvrian Empire to the reign of Darius Hysstaspes, including dates in the reign of Nabopolassar, father of Nebuchadnezzar, Evil-Merodach, Cambyses, and the elder and the younger Cyrus. The These two little eyes1 that God has dates of the tablets, therefore, furnish very important chronological landmarks, and are in many respects subversive of the recent chronology. The rate of interest current in Babylon on loans was generally 10 per cent, and much light is thrown on the social life of the babylonians from the circumstances that witness of deeds are always described by their trade or profession. One of the tablets is dated in the reign of King Belshazzar. There is a large

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1876

# A Merry Christmas to all our Readers.

A CHRIST-LIKE CHRISTMAS.

Much of Christian conduct at this particular season, though performed under the license of the Christmas name, is far from being in harmony with the character and life of Him to whom the festivities are devoted. We have suggested a theme worthy of the first minds in the press or pulpit-How should Christmas be spent so as to meet entirely Christ's approval? It is needless to go so far in discussing the subject as to denounce the wild orgies which profane this season, or the trifling, wastful habits which do nothing to improve it. Confining ourselves altgogether to those who would be very much pained to have the conviction thrust upon them that the divine babe gave no sanction to their methods of spending the advent week, it would be sufficient to ask-What are the elements or conditions which must enter into the Christmas observance in order that Christ may look on approvingly? A few answers at least may very safely be hazarded, leaving the train of concurrent thought to reflecting minds.

It need not be exclusively devotional. The stern countenance and imperative voice which rebuke every outflow of a happy disposition, never surely originated with Christ. How he received little children we are told in part; but what he thought of their free, innocent use of the Creator's gifts of strength and spirits and joy, has not been said. That part of his own life has been but scantily written, or we would doubtless see him reflecting a mother's sunshine very often. We may be certain it was not censorious. He attended a marriage festivity while yet a young man. He did much to make the season one of enjoyment in the sense of eating and drinking. All that can be extracted in the way of satisfaction and pleasure from domestic and social commingling, he sanctioned and sanctified by his presence. It must, to be Christlike, be sympathetic.

A first principle which He taught this world was love for others. Festivities never were permitted to engross his attention to the exclusion of humanity outside. He did not belong to a tribe or household. He called noue father or brother, mother or sister, in the meaning which would shut out from his heart and relations any man or woman. Freely he gave of his rich stores of leve and remedy as humanity needed, without enquiring whether they were suffering from unavoidable calamity or their own extravagancies or indulgencies. He saw and pitied. The poor were his first friends. Over his memory many tears must have been shed if from no diviner motive than the recollection of his tender ministry of advice and relief. A Christmas which does nothing for the poor and the suffering, is not worthy the name. It may be a home gath-The same pleasure which diffuses itself at least to your beart.

duce more than usual of Christ into family worship. Make it a season of near and precious communion between your own soul and the Saviour who came in such lowely habit of seeking.

ADVERTISING CHURCH MATTERS .-Why should not the church make use of the Press for bringing its aims into notice? A few pastors of our acquaintance have their cards always with them, on one side the ministers name and place of residence, on the other a full reference to times of service, public and social. One or two more energetic than ordinary resort to the hand-bill for announcing church services and other occasions of interest. Their schemes pay well. It is scarcely worth while to say this is an unprofessional method, when we see good results. God has given us the printing-press. Let us use it freely.

WINTER STEAM TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND is again being faithfully tried by the use of a large, powerful boat, well equipped every way. We cannot but admire this persistency. That the ferry has never hitherto been fairly attempted, cannot be denied. The problem will now be settled doubtless, though a few mishaps to the steamer would seem to discourage present hopes. For ourselves, knowing by long observation what it means to face the ice and storms of the St. Lawrence, we will not predict entire success. Yet many trips will be made in comparative comfort by passengers which would not be at all attempted, or only in great danger and suffering.

WHAT OF THE WAR? Well, there is more hope. Representatives of several interested nations have been in conference, and it is announced that every possible concession has been made toward peace. Still, after this announcement was made, Turkey uttered something like a public growl, refusing to accept conditions which would go inthe direction of the occupation of her LEYAN. We remarked, a few weeks territory in any way. Turkey shows more courage than for a century past.

Y. M. C. Association .- A Literary Dio commencing the course of lec tures and entertainments for 1876-7, will be given on "uesday evening, Dec. 20th, in Association Hall Halifax, Programme to consist of Addresses, Readags, and Music. Chair to be taken at 8 o' slock. Tickets for thecourse (eight). 50 cts. Single tickets 10 cents.

A poetic contribution this week having reference to the Christmas seaon, from a Nova Scotia lady whose articles we are always proud to publish. Tacre are other contributors, whose writings we also prize as they each us occasionally. Poetry is an art, or an inspiration, fying beyond the confines of criticism. Like the life of the body, it eludes the searching knife of the dissector. Still we can detect bad poetry just as we discern pure from adulterated sunlight. There are vards of the common thing floating this moment in the upper air, whither the smoke of our waste-basket hath borne it from buman view; but we hope ever to have eyesight for the enjoyment of a geunine poetic article.

AFTER looking over the letter of Reader," on the proposed Children's lig-." Fund Scheme, for the N. Scotia Conferin our churches. It is slowly, sadly de-, similarly on those of another class. A ples.

clining. Bring it back to life. Intro- city council appoints three men to value and tax the property of 50,000 inhabitants. Why should not, say, ten men do equally good work for a Conference Children's Fund?

> Reader, renew your subscription for 1877. We think we have given you Two Dollar's worth for last year in the WESLEYAN. It will be our aim to do evenmore next year.

"TROUBLED MINDS."-A writer in the Messenger of this week, asks us if we are aware how many minds there are among Pedobaptist Churches, to be set at rest on the subject of Baptism. We cannot say as to the number, but feel quite sure it is of considerable proportions. We are far from agreeing with our catechist, however, as to the cause of this uneasiness. He assumes it is owing to a fair, natural (or spiritual) deduction in the minds of the people from reading their Bibles. are convinced it is chiefly owing to the perpetual, and sometimes exclusive, and always persistent habit which prevails in some quarters of agitating the question of Baptism, and giving it the importance of a saving ordinance. There is a strange inconsistency here. Baptist brethren will not go so far as ta say that immersion is necessary to salvation; yet how much machinery is kept agoing by this motive power of a mere mode in one of the institutions of the church ! The Guardian did a very ingenious, painstaking thing recently in relation to this matter. Going over the files of a Baptist leading paper, it gave the tabulated results something in this form :- For every mention of conversion, that paper named baptism some scores of times. And so on with regard to other Scriptural terms of vital importance. We will say nothing of the tremendous energies sometimes exerted to influence the minds of converts, and so bring in a disturbing element. It is enough to say that the agitation is not introduced or sustained by Pedobaptists.

And now, one word as to this weekly catechism of the Messenger to the WESago, upon a termon preached by a brother minister, in his own pulpit, in-cidentially a saling to baptism, and lo! the stubble is all aflame! All our references to conversions, joining the church, &c., for years, have been passed unchallenged, while any mention of baptism has awakened the echoes. Who are the "troublers," pray? We have no quarrel with our neighbours. Only we must be allowed to think for ourselves.

New subscribers continue to come in. Thanks for these favors. Thanks more attend. fervent for kind words. One pastor writes that he has spoken of the WESand invariably with the success of obtaiting new subscriptions. How far is this example followed? One week more will close our year. We are very anxious to begin well. This can only be done by a good effort over all our circuits. Please reportearly. A number of letters and cards have come in, indicating what is to be done as to the old subscribers, and sending new names. We are thankful to sav our old subscri-Brethren, let us hear from you.

" Will you not pass the plate at sacrament and let each help themselves as other ministers do, and much ob-

This little note came anopymous'v ering, a time of glee, a week of un- ence, we begin to dream of the diffiulties not long ago to a minister -presumably mingled satisfaction; but if it take no which beset men, when they set out to from some one of the Christians whom thought for Christ's friends, it is at ob'ain a perfect machine for working he had been serving at the Lord's table. best a selfish festivity. Ma've a steward with irregular and imperfect materials. Strangely enough, when the minister of some agent or society whose duty The plan on which our correspondent showed the note to another member of and delight it is to search out the wor animadverts is the select one of saveral the same communion, his reply wasthy distressed-often fleeing from no. brought before as capable a business "I very much prefer the method which tice-and as God hath gives you so committee-lay and clerical as can be the anonymous writer condemns." So give through them. It is anything but found in the Provinces. The difficulty we think do most Christians. "As Christ-like to distribute gifts from is to reach an equitable scheme which other ministers do" is a bad precehand to hand of the rich by pounds, will work by some given rule. This dent in this case. "He took bread and while the poor are recipents of pence. one does not profess to be governed by gave thanks and brake it and gave unto absolute, arithmetical principles. It them." We take bread and cut it and through your home should overflow as is to some extent arbitrary, to be left let them help themselves. We cannot much as when the prodigal returned, very much to the best judgment of men too closely imitate Christ, especially in and the lost piece of money came to who will represent all interests. When matters of devotional service. Yet this the light. Call in the needy neighbors | you accept a plan by which some given | is a very delicate subject, and ministers principle will underlie the assessment, can see how departure from precedent It ought to be marked by acts of relig- then you but substitute one scheme of Scripture and Methodistic practice ious praise and thanksgiving. Do not which bears upon a certain class of cir- is engendering prejudices, till they assuffer the Christmas service to die out cuits for another scheme which bears sume the form of conscientious scru-

The Berean Lesson will be resumed in some who went not being able to gain al. our columns with the New Year. We have omitted the Review for the quarter, Prof. Hatton, of the Blind Asylum, New which is all that remains for December York, contributed largely to the evening's

DR. BUTLER IN THE MIDST OF A REVOLUTION AGAIN. - While writing of this celebrated missionary some weeks ago, we said that, according to his usual fate, Dr. Butler ought soon to be in the midst of a revolution of some sort. Little did we imagine our remark would so soon meet with its fulfillment. The New York Advocate alludes to the missionaries and their danger :-

Still, we are not at this moment perfectly secure of danger of being molested. There are many in all Mexican cities who would be glad to take advantage of a disturbed hour to injure us, if they dared. This has actually been attempted in Guanajato, Anticipating trouble, brothers Craver and Siberts had taken the precaution to securely close their house. excitement was at its height, a great mob, not less than 3.000 in number crying. Death to the Protestants ?" completely overpowered the guard which the Governor had placed in front of the missionaries house, and threatened to exterminate the mission families. For awhile the clamor and throwing of stones was terrible. Not an entire window was left in the building. In the midst of all the excitement our brethren with coats off, were hard at work barricading the doors with a large number of immense sun dried bricks, which they had previously secured, while their noble and devoted wives were at the same time cheering them by sweetly singing. "I need Thee; every hour I need Thee.

The God of missions mercifuly sustained and protected them, and troops soon arrived, who speedily drove back and dispersed the mob. One of the brethren, in esponse to a friendly voice outside, at ength ventured to look out of the window, only to find the street all quiet, and an armed force drawn up in front of the ouse, guarding it from harm.

Little fear need be had of further attacks, and ere this the superintendent is, doubtless, at his post. Pray for the brethren, who stand for us like beroes amidst dangers and death, and cheer them by filling the depleted treasury, that their wants may be supplied.

#### NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

NOVA SCOTIA.

A cheering note from Aylesford says :-We have commenced our winter's campaign, in special effort to win souls for Christ, at Margaretville, with glorious results and encouraging prospects. fields, throughout this extensive circuit, are white to the harvest, and our disappointment will be very considerable if we do not witness, by the divine blessing, a large ingathering of souls during

There will be a gathering of the children connected with the Wesleyan Halifax Missien, in the basement of Brunswich St. Church, on Thursday evening, December 28th. | Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Recitations and singing by the children, and short speeches by friends of the mission. All are cordially invited to

The Soup Kitchen is now in operation, and those wishing to ail in the good work LEYAN several times in public services, of supplying the poor with food, can do so by sending donations of cash to our missionary at the office of this paper: or by contributions of beef shins, barley, peas, onions, &c. The latter will be thankfully received at the Kitchen, 109 Agricola

Margaret's Bay is summoning its energies for strong work in the direction of Temperance. Several have been fixed heavily in that vicinity for selling liquors without license. The following note more bers are holding on firmly by the paper. particularly refers to the Temperance movement, though we learn that our minister there, with his people, have thrown themselves heartily into the scheme :-" Reform being the order of the day, we have established a Division of the Sons of Temperance, and now, with a membership of 42, are in good working order. By our vigilance, and the co-operation of our magistrates, we hope soon to be able to sweep from our midst that blighting, souldestroying oun traffic, which has so long been the carse of St. Margaret's Bay."

# NEW BRUNSWICK.

Centenary Church, St. John, held its Sabbath-school anniversary last Sabbath week, the children occupying the gallery, and led by a newly organized and very efficient choir conducting the singing. The church, though the evening was cold, was well filled.

Portland Church commenced its bazaar, for Sabbath-school library purposes, on Monday last. A grand concert in the

The last of the series of socials, in Carmarthan St. Church, St. John, held last Friday evening week, was even more mittance. Dr. Daniel, Miss Kearns and enjoyment. The collection was over \$32. making as the nett proceeds of the six nights \$150. Not satisfied with what has been done, it is announced that Rev. S. R. Ackman will make known, Tuesday week, What governs the world.

Portland has had a fine bazaar this week. A profusion of beautiful and use. ful articles have been on exhibition; and though the weather was unfavourable at first, there were, at latest accounts, many indications of success. The congregation deserves great credit for its energy and enterprise.

The following note we have from St John :- "There is in progress at present a trial of interest. It is a trial of the Y. M. C. A. vs. Hutchinson for imperfect drainage of Hutchinson's land, hence injuring Y. M. C. A. building. This fore. stalls a case of Hutchinson vs Y. M. C. A. on account of the Y. M. C. A. building leaning some ten inches over Mr. Hutchinson's land. The stores are gay in their Christmas dress. Rev. G. S. Milligan passed through St. ohn last week. He ooks unusually well, the long rough driving and bracing air of Newfoundland evidently agreeing with him.

Derby, Miramichi, has commenced the work of building a parsonage for themselves. Quite an undertaking.

Chatham Trustees are rejoicing as well. they may, over a handsome gift from the Hon. Wm. Muirhead-a large building lot, 133 feet by 120 feet, for a church and parsonage. The situation is in Henderson St., a most commanding site. The architect is to commence operations at once. Buildings of good proportions, and creditable to the place, will be erected We congratulate our northern friends

At Campbeliton a musical and literary entertainment was held last Tuesday night, to raise funds for the new organ recently put into the church.

Sackville has crowned its building perations with the following expression of its Quarterly Board :-

At the Second Quarterly Official Meeting of the Methodist Church, on the Sackville Circuit, held on the 30th of November, in the class room of the new Church recently dedicated to the worship of God, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :-

Whereas, Since the last meeting of this Board, we have been permitted by the good providence of God, to bring to completion and occupy under most auspicious circumstances this commodious and beautiful sanctuary, and,

Whereas. The gratifying success which has crowned the enterprising and liberal efforts of the friends of Methodism in Sackville in the erection of a building so well adapted in every respect to the purposes for which it is intended, have been largely due, under the blessing of God, to the patient and wisely-directed supervison of the Building Committee;

Therefore resolved, that the cordia thanks of this Board are hereby presented to James B. Dixon, Joseph L. Black, and Josiah Wood, for their self-denying and indefatigable labors so cheerfully bestowed in conducting to a successful issue 80 important an enterprise of the church and

LECTURES .- The following lectures and subjects we see noticed, or hear of, as having given great satisfaction during the past week or two :-Rev. Robert Wilson at St. Stephen, N.

B., on " The Characteristics of the Irish-Mr. James Hannay at Fairville, N. B., on "Louisburg."

Rev. Mr. Carey, in the Methodist course, Carleton, on " The preachers I saw in Rev. Job Shenton in Yarmouth. Sub-

ject: "Wanted." Rev. S. R. Ackman, in Carleton, on

The New York Advocate says of Dr. Reid's engagement :-

Dr. Reid, our Missionary Secretary, had an engagement at the time of his recent bereavement to attend the missionary anniversary at St. John's, Province of New Brunswick. The occasion was, in consequence of his inability to attend at the time, postponed till January 14, and the week following. Arrangements are being made for a great occasion. Our Wesleyan brethren understand this matter better than we do. Instead of the several congregations in a city taking their collections at different times, a day is fixed throughout the city for missionary day, and a grand missionary feast is made of it for several days together. What if New York should do this? The wave that might be raised would reach the whole land !

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the world, and to bear for all scholars (350) and for all officers and teachers (41) something sweet and wholesome-this is the project now contemplated by this spirited Sunday-school Superintendent. We have all seen the judge's ability as a floriculturist and horticulturist. We have now to await tidings of his success as a Christmas-tree-culturist. No doubt they will be excellent.

DECEMBER, 23 1876.

#### P. E. ISLAND NOTES. METHODISTIC.

Souris circuit is prospering. At Souris itself a church was begun and partly finished some years ago. During the past year it has been completed; and on the first Sunday of this month it was dedicated. Sermons were preached morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Lathern. The day is spoken of as being one of great interest and blessing. Such large congregations had never before, under the auspices of Methodism, assembled in Souris.

On Monday evening Mr. Lathern delivered a lecture in the church, taking for his subject " The March of Havelock and Relief of Lucknow." The sum of \$22 was realized towards the liquidation of the church debt. The Circuit interests suffered somewhat on account of the illness, MISSIONARY INCOME AND EX last sum per, of the preacher-Rev. D. N. Lodge; he has quite recovered, and is now strong to labor. His superintendent -Rev. A. E. LePage-made a tour of the circuit recently; preaching, administering sacraments, and attending Missionary Meetings.

Mount Stewart circuit is beautiful for situation. Its interests are improving under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Goldsmith. Though this is the first year of its existance as a circuit, yet it bids fair to for its Home Missions, is \$9,811, for the develop soon into a station in every way desirable. The Missionary Meetings on this circuit were held last month. The deputation in attendance consisted of Revs. J. V. Jost and J. C. Berrie.

Murray Harbo Circuit seems in a very

healthy condition The property owned by the Conference on this circuit consists of a well-built and conveniently situated parsonage, with a half acre or more of land attached, and three neat little charches. The congregations waiting on the ministry of the stationed ministers are large. The Missionary Meetings on this circuit were held last week, and were as good as last year in their financial results.

Rev. A. D. Morton paid the Island visit recently. His mission was, chiefly. in behalf of the Wallace Circuit. He preached on Sunday evening, 3rd inst., in Prince St. Church, Charlottetown.

Rev. M. R. Knight-the second minister on the Margate Circuit-is much esteemed by the people. He preached with much acceptance in Sammersile last Sunlay.

Roy. Mr. Passoe (Bible Christian) deof his remarks were very hard on the "Oddities."

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has entered upon his new charge in Char- thirty members, and many of them are lottetown, as successor of Rev. Thomas | daily witnesses of Christ's power to save Duncan, in the pastorate of St. James from sin: A few weeks ago the Rev. Mr. to Plymouth, Mars. Kirk. Mr. Mc's ability and earnestness LePage from Murray Harbour, my as a preacher are highly spoken of.

through 33 inches of solid ice. P. E. Island, Dec 11th, '76.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND-

Missionary meeting have very genezally been held, and with promising re-\* sults, considering the condition of trade. The genuine Spirit of liberality has always that seed I hope is beginning to take root. been exhibited on this Island espescially Our church here was commenced several when the Missionary theme has been pre- years ago when Bro. Lewis was here. sented.

items of very sad interest.

On Monday, Nov. 27th, whilst Robert and during the autumn we got some of our H. E. Taylor & Co., at Fall River twelve Queen's private Secretary free of charge.

ward, were out in a boat for the purpose of shooting birds, the former's gun was accidentally discharged, and the shot the latter causing almost instantaneous

FROM BONAVISTA .- A sad accident occured at Cape Bonavista on the 23d ult. William Phillips and George Phillips were at the Cape shooting sea birds. They killed one, which their dog swam out to secure. William, aged seventeen. went out upon the rocks, to assist the dog in getting up, when a heavy sea came in and washed him off and he was drowned. His body was recovered Dec. 3, and was interred the following day. The younger brother. George, would have shared the same fate only he saw the sea coming in and jumped back.

On december 1st the wind blew strong all night from the N. E., and was followed by a very high tide with tremendous sea, causing the loss of a good deal of property, such as wharves and store houses. in the latter were stored, boats, sails, fishing gear, &c.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

PENDITURE.

N. B. & P. E. I. CONFERENCE. DEAR MR. EDITOR,-A request comes to me for information through your columns on matters connected with the Missionary Society.

The total amount received through the N. B. and P. E. I. Auxiliary by the society last year, was, \$7,344-74. The grant made by the Central board to this Conference current year. Now that the Anniversary Meetings are being held through the county, our friends will do well to ponder these figures, and to mark their teaching as to the necessity for generous effort, if we are to overtake the demands of the great home and foreign work to which we as a Church are called

SOURIS MISSION P.E. I.

MR. EDITOR,-Knowing that the readers of your paper are always interested in our cause, perhaps it will be well to give them an outline, or some facts in connection with the Mission Fund. This Mission is rather an extensive one though not so large this year as last, last year Mount Stewart a valley some thirty five miles distance from Souris was in connection with this Mission. That distance I had to drive every two weeks during my first it was not all in vain, for we gathered there a good congregation, and put new pews in our church during the year. This year Mount Stewart is under the care of five all a lecture last Wednesley evening | Bro. Goldsmith. As well as preaching in his church in Chaylottetown. Subject : in the old established places, it was my " Oddities in the Pulpit." He treated his object to extend the Zion we love, so I subject with ability and good taste. Some endeavoured to open some new preaching places. At Marie I preached once in two weeks on weeknight, for part of the first R.w. M. Collins (B. C.) recently ap- | year, the people there soon became carnest pointed to Murray Harbov, is " in labors listeners for the the truth, and wished for more abundant." At present he is en- Sabbath services and they would do what gaged in special services with encourage | they were able in bearing the expences of the Mission. Since my return for the Rev. Mr. Tonkin (B. C.) an Friday eve. second year I have been giving them Sunstructive lecture to parents, guardians school house in which we met for worship and teachers, in the school room of his is becoming too small to hold the people church, Summerside. Subject: " How to and they have decided to build a new December, 135,563 bushels of potatoes were elucate our children." Mr. T. has an ex- church, they will gether the materials cellent system of teaching; and the during the winter, and build in early

Rev. Mr. McDonald, who was injured labor, we have our new church finished and we hope the coming summer to have Rev. Mr. McLellan, of Peterbore, Ont., it all completed. At Dandas we have superintendent visited this part, and ad-The Northern Light has arrived at Char- ministered the sacrament to my people lott town; and is ready to take her place there, it was a time of feasting to their on the mail raute as soon as the other souls, as this part of the country is new boats cease running. She is a vessel of and many of our followers are just be-375 tons: her engines are exactly like ginning in life, they have not been able to those in the Cornathian-a vessel of 2500 do as much financially, though many of tons-belonging to the Allan Line. Her them have the heart and will, but lack the builder expects her to make her way means. Yet they are hoping and looking forward to a brighter future.

At Souris things look more prosperous now, than I think ever in the past. Why there has not been a better cause establish. ed here, is because our people have many of them moved from the place. Notwithstanding this, God's servants have been faithfully sowing good seed in this place, some of Things for a time looked favourable and We clip from the St. John's papers two were prosperous, but then came a stand still in church matters, and for some time FATAL ACCIDENT AT TWILLINGATE .- there was but little advancement But

laden with fruit from different parts of Edward Hayward, sons of Matthias Hay. people at work, and by their liberal contributions, and also those from persons of other denominations we have been able to finish our church. We can accomodate all lodged in the lower part of the body of our people, and also visitors to a comfortable seat that is free, and in a church, also free from dept. As an addition to our choir we also have a new organ. One of our young ladies, Miss Cussie Carlton. during the summer by her untiring energy and Christian zeal, raised \$150, purchased the organ, and placed it in the church. Having all things ready for the opening, on Dec. 3rd, the Chairman of the District, Rev. Mr. Lathern from Charlottetown opened it for us. He preached both morning and evening. In the morning he directed the thoughts of the people to God's great love, to loves great gift, in the person of his son, and the necessity of believing before man could fully receive all the benefits of that love and gift. In the evening he preached one of the most powerful and telling sermons ever preached in this place, and to the largest protestant congregation that has ever been known to be gathered to gather in Souris Our house was packed to the utmost. Marked attention was given to every utterance and a holy influence rested on all Also during Mr. Lathern's visit to Souris on Monday be gave us his popular and interesting lecture, on "The March of Havelock and Relief of Lucknow." The gathering was large, the lecture delivered in his usual eloquent and pleasing manner, and highly prized by the people. He expresses himself as being much pleased with his visit to this Mission and the kind-

> ness of the people to him on that occasion. Our Sabbath School here under the supertendence of Bro. Anderson, with his able staff of teachers is in a flow ishing condition. We intend to keep it open all winter. What we want now is a revival of religion, and outporing of the Holy Spirit upon us. Brothers pray for us here we need the peayers of the church on our behalf. May the various marks of prosperity on this circuit be the forerunner of a mighty turing to God, and may souls here be able to rejoice in that they have found the "one altogether lovely and the fairest among ten thousand."

Souris East Dec. 8th, D.H. Ledge.

# NEWS IN BRIEF. NOVA SCOTIA

The "Farmer" cays the public schools at Annapolis have been closed on account of an

on Tuesday evening, 12th inst, a man calling himself Heustis, alias Richard M. Russell, and hailing from Mirimichi, was arrested in Bridgetown at the instance of Mr. F. Croskill, the railway station agent at that the 7th inst., and taking therefrom a number | ketable grain. Not bad for the sterile of tickets. The prisoner was examined before a justice of the peace in Bridgetown, who ordered him to be sent back to Kings County for trial, at the next term of the supreme

Court in that County. Jacob Stephens and his two sons, Henry and Alexander, all belonging to Chester, left Lunenburg on the 4th inst. for home, which they never reached. On the next day there was found floating off Tancook, a trunk containing a pair of boots, a pair of paddles, three bundles of cotton warp and a hat, all of which were known to have been in the boat, which must have therefore gone down with the men.

Mr. T. S. Whitman, who has just retired from the Union Bank agency at Annapolis, was presented with a complimentary address by the clergy, barristers and merchants of the

The packet schr. Sea Nymph, Capt. Murdoch, left Sherbrooke nearly a fortnight ago ning last give a very interesting and in- day preaching, the result of it is the for Halifax, and has not yet arrived. Fears are entertained that she has suffered in the From the 1st of September to the 12th of

> sent from different parts of King's County, to the United States and other places, the value being \$61,901. The schr. President, Capt. Seeley, which

At Dureles, another part of this field of left Sydney on Friday last for Channel, Nfld., with a cargo of coal and produce, was wrecked near Channel on Monday night, and one of the crew, named Eugene, was drowned. The vessel and cargo were owned by the Captain and Good, of Channel.

Richard Cattell, mate of the schr. Clara Jane, was washed overboard and drowned while on the passage from St. Pierre, Miq.,

About 11 o'clock on the night of the 16th. fire was discovered in the upper door of Mr. Peter Carroll's guction room, Pictou. The firemen, with steam engine soon subdued the flames, but the building was nearly altogether destroyed. Most of the goods on the ground floor were saved. The fire is supposed to have originated from defective stove-pipe.

At Oxford, on the night of the 14th, a fire broke out in Stewart & Thompson's store, and communicated with the next building-Harper's. Both were completely destroyed. The atter was torn down, which saved a large number of other new and valuable buildings. Stewart & Thompson's stock was all destroyed. Harper's, W. W. Gilroy's, and I. J. Hingley's stocks were all thrown into the street and badly damaged. The loss, which is heavy to all parties, cannot be estimated now. No insurance on the buildings de-

stroyed. Lieut. Kerrison, R. A., met with a somewhat serious accident on Friday week while camping out in the Western part of the Province. In cutting a limb from a tree, he inflicted a deep cut on his instep, and from loss of blood became much exhausted. He was conveyed to the nearest house, and remained there until Monday, when he was brought to town. Under skilful treatment the wound is progressing favourably.

The furniture and rake factory of Messrs.

miles from Dartmouth, was totally destroyed by fire last week. There was a large quantity of stock burnt in the building, nothing being saved. The proprietors place their loss

Rev. Mr. Keating, late of Brighton, England, has been unanimously elected Rector of the Parish of Kentville. The rev. gentleman conducted the services in St. James' Church on Sunday.

The American fishing schr. Victor, Capt. Latham, which arrived at Halifax from the Grand Banks, reports that during a gale on the 1st inst., a seaman named Michael Morgan was washed overboard and drowned. On the 7th inst., during another gale, they lost their cable and anchor.

At Yarmouth, on the 9th inst., a terrible gale was experienced. Sad to relate, a sea boarded the Vesta, sweeping two of the men overboard, including Capt. Jacob Durkee, who was drowned. The other was saved. The brigantine got into Argyle on Sunday after-

The ship N. & E. Gardner has arrived at Mobile, after a ninety day's passage, in charge of the mate, Capt John Homer having died during the vovage.

Mr. Herbert A. Bayne, son of the late Rev. Dr. Bayne, of Pictou, has received the degree of Dr. of Philosophy and Master of Arts at Hidelburg, Germany.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND

Mr. George Dutch, of Heron Island, has recently erected at New Mills a new Grist and saw mill, which will be a great convenience to farmers and others in its vicinity. The power is supplied by a wide gauge locomotive, which was bought at Moncton last winter.

Fair's Hill, Gibson, is becoming quite a centre of attraction. On the Sabbath the Rev. Robert Wilson sustains his well earned popularity as a preacher, and the members at attend his ministrations show that his efforts are highly appreciated.

The brigt. Elizabeth Ann, from Hillsboro', N. B., with coal for Boston, went ashore at Dipper Harbor on Saturday afternoon last, and became a total wreck.

The "Farmer" says that the Legislature will be summoned to meet Thursday February 1st.

Last Thursday evening, 7th inst., Mr. Hen-ry VanBuren, clerk with Mr. Charles F. Tilden, Fairville, was robbed on the public road of his watch and other valuables by two men, who returned the property on discovering that he was the person who had paid bridge fare for one of them many months ago.

High tides have occurred on the Bay and river the past week, according to prediction. No serious damage was done owing to the calm weather which has prevailed. Pilot Fletcher, who took out from St. John

the barque Drumadoon, Murphy, master, has not returned to the city, and his friends are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the vessel at Belfast, in the hope of hearing that he has made the trip across the Atlantic.

At Courtenay Bay at present Mr. Frazer has two vessels on the stocks, and the following centlemen have one each : Messrs, Cruikshanks, McPhee and Dunlop, Mr. John Stewart is about commencing a new vessel. Repairs are nearly completed on the brigt. Mabel, at, Mr. Mahoney's yard.

At Musquash the mills are closed for the winter. The final shipment for the season was made last week. The last crew of men go to the woods some time during this week. On a field in the immediate neighborhood place, charged with having burglariously en- of Bathurst, of one and a third acres in extent, tered the station at Wolfville, on the night of the yield of Barley was 110 bushels of marof the North.

Philip George, of Main Street, Portland, on Saturday, 9th inst., fell into the hold of the barque Danube, lying at Lawton's wharf, and was badly injured on the load. Dr. Smith

The Shuler mills, of Patterson, Bros., have been doing good work the past season. They sawed about 2,80,,000 superficial feet during the season, and have yet 80,000 feet in the

A new saw mill has just been completed at Rockport by Mr. John Read. It is on Harvest Creek, and within a few rods of a good ipping place. The mill is fitted with trimmers, edgers, a shingle machine, etc. Mr.

Judge Wilmot, who with all the honors acquired in a long, useful and laborious life, els proud of his position as Superintendent s preparing a grand Christmas Tree for his

Sunday School of over 300 scholars. Theodore Tilton, Beccher's friend and Elizabet's husband, will lecture in the Insti- Mayor of Boston by 2600 majority. tute on Friday evening, the 22nd, on the "Problem of Life."

On Monday, 4th inst., two boats left Duck Island, off Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan, one with double recfed stills, occupied by a young man named Mr. Small, of Lubec, bound for Woodward's Cove, and the other by two men, whose destination was a neighbouring island. Shortly after starting the then in the latter saw Mr. Small's boat ups et and hastened to his aid. In about five minutes they reached the upturned beat, but failed after due search to find the anfortunate They picked up his wallet, containing 864, and his hat, floating near the boat. The body of Mr. Small, though dragged for, has the majority of the famine-threatened dis-

UPPER PROVINCES.

Thirty-one nunicipalities and corporation in Ontario have signed petitions for the peal of exemptions from taxations of charch and other property.

The Government have agreed to the ret quest of lumbermen to fix the duty on imported pork so as be levied on the actual amouncontained in each barrel, certified on invoice by the shipper or packer.

The contract for section 15 of the Canada Pacific Railway has been signed by Charlton case of failure. & Co. The line is all now under contract from Thunder Bay to Red River. The weather in Ottawa and Montreal is

terribly cold. Hon. Mr. Letellier has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, vice Caron,

The lacrosse album, for Her Majesty the Queen, was forwarded on 15th inst., Mr. Warnsley, Royal mail conductor, taking charge of it to Halifax. Sir Hugh Allan has given directions that it be forwarded to the

In a quarrel at Leithfield on 14th. The Clarkson struck David Roy with his fist, killing him instantly. Clarkson gave himself up immediately

The gale on Saturday blew down a new three-story tenement house belonging to Mr. Labelle, of Papineau Road, Montreal, loss

A fire broke out in the large tenement No. 427 Montcalm Street, Montreal at midnight, 16th inst., and did serious damage. Several of the inmates had narrow escapes. Two of the fireman were prostbitten. Loss

Madame Boyer, fifty years old, a widow, while crossing the Grand Trunk Railway track at Mountain Street, Montreal was blown down so violently as to break her leg. It is reported that the Montreal Journal of Commerce has passed into the hands of Sir F Hincks.

A circular from Toronto announces that the formal presentation of medals to the Canadian exhibitors at the Centennial will be mada at Ottawa after the meeting of Parliament in February. Thh presentation will take place in the senate Chamber, and will be followed by a grand banquet.

A Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Masons has been formed for the Province of Quebec. The Wellington Ward Market, Ottawa was totally consumed by fire on 11th inst. The loss estimated at \$30,000.

The towns of St. John's and St. Hyacinthe, which for the most part were recently destroyed by fire, are being built up very rapidly. Builders have been doing a thriving business for some time back, and the demand for the lumber has increased very much owing to

The Ottawa " Citizen says :- " A substitute for the postal card, that is being considered by the Post-office Department, is a stamped sheet (about note paper size), with gummed edge, to serve as both paper and enrelope, and to cost two cents." Its adoption ald be a great convenience to those who have a large correspondence.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

A movement is on foot at Kidderminster England, to raise a statue to Sir Rowland Hill, K. C. B., the introducer of the penny stage system. He was born in that neighborhood December 3, 1795.

Colonel J. A. McDonald, Captain of the Scottish Rifle Team, which recently visited the United States, has been appointed Solicitor General for Scotland.

So pressing have the needs of the unemployed in New York become that the Board of Apportionment has felt compelled to appropriate \$35,000 to be distributed to the poor and deserving.

The liabilities of the Security Life Insurance Company, of New York, which recently failed, amount to \$3,359,000; asserts to only President Orton of the Western Union Tele-

graph, refuse to exhibit telegrams at the com-

mand of the Congressional Investigating

Committee. Wade Hampton has been peaceably inau-gurated Governor of South Carolina; the State thus has a dual Government,

A. S. Hewitt, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, officially informs the people of the United States that Tilden and Hendricks are elected, and congratulates

Zach, Chandler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, comes out with a card fietly contradicting Hewitt. Chandler says, " Governor Hayes has been fairly elected by a c ear majority of the electoral vote there is no indications that any right minded citizen has a doubt as to the result.

A report comes from South Corolina of a plot to massacre the whites in Abbeville county, and that ten negroes implicated and arrested had been taken from the Sheriff and lynched.

A fire at Burlington, N. J., on Sunday involved a loss of \$200,000, turning 50 families nto the street. The Mexican revolutionists under Iglesias

have overturned Lerda's government and The action of the Government in transfer-

ring the printing from the United States est-Read proposes sawing dimension staff, fenc- a adisbanents to private companies, has caused ing, etc., for the market of Sackvine and viz the discharge of four bundred operatives; two-thirds of which are girls. The relief fund for the suffers of the Brook-

The amount of specie received at the port of New York from Europe from September office which it has been his privilege to hold, 20th to December 11th, is stated officially at \$14.772.000, and their is still on the way 81.-

lyn fire has reached \$24,278.

T. O. Prince, Democrat, has been elected The Returning Board of Louisiana refuses ubusit to the digitation of the committee appointed by the National House of Repre-

Congress to revise their decision on the Presidential electors. The Circuit Court at Philadelphia has been appointed to decide what shall be done with the surplus of two million dollars accraing

sentatives, on the question of the power of

from the Centennial Exhibition. The boilers in a saw mill at Texarcana. Arkansas, exploded on Monday, killing nine en and wounding two.

Prospects in India are not so gloomy in 25 miners were killed lately by an exold-

sion in a coffiery near Dresden. The ministerial crisis in France continues, with indications that President MacMahon will yield to the demands of the Republicans.

The news from Constantinople is more pacific and hopeful than for some time. From Lord Salisbury's conversations it may be inferred that England, although still averse to occupation, admits it may become unavoid-Me, but maintains that other guarantees may be found and that Turkey ought to be allowed time in which to carry out reforms, and occupation to be resorted to only in

The Grand Duke Nicholas has asked for a teserve force of 100,000 men. Their mobilization has already commenced at St. Peters-

burg and Moscow. A despatch from Brussels says the loss to the Union du Credit Bank by the defalcation of its President is estimated at four million francs. The manager made an unsuccessful

attempt at suicide. Servia has requested the Russian commissioner, General Ignatieff to represent her at the conference. It is expected the fromul conference will commence next week.

A strange and beautiful story of a little boy that died-of which, in an imperfect version, Mr. Moody makes frequent use in his sermons-is told truly by Augusta Moore in the Boston Congregationalist. The mother of the child, who is yet living, is her friend. and did not believe in early religious instruction: "She said-'Wait until the child is able to understand something of what you mean before you try to get ideas of sin and redemption, or of heaven or hell, into its mind.' Her ideas were very firmly fixed, and she acted upon them. She did not know that Eddy, up to his sixth year, had so much as heard of heaven. and the name of 'Jesus' he clearly did not know. At the age of six he was taken sick; and lying near to death, on his bed. with his eyes fixed on a corner of the ceiling. he asked-'Mamma, what country is that I see beyond the high mountains? The mother replied - There are no mountains here, Eddy. You are with your parents in this room at home.' But the boy insisted that he saw a beautiful country, where were children playing and calling to him; but said he - I cannot see over the mountains. Mamma, papa, won't you carry me accross?' Then the mother wept, for in her heart she felt that her child was called away. 'What country is it, mama, that I see?' he repeated. The mother, not knowing what else to say, asked-'Is it heaven, Eddy?' She told me that she did not know that the word would carry any meaning to the child's mind; but he caught it instantly, and answered—'Yes, it is heaven. Oh! who will carry me over the mountains?' The distressed parents tried to quiet their little one, asking him if he wanted to leave papa and mamma, and home. He lay still and silent for a time, and they anxiously watching him, hoped that the trouble was past. The trouble was past. Eddy had never in all his little life said the dear word 'mother:' but suddenly he turned his face to her, and with his eyes bright with more than mortal light, and with voice clear and strong as when he was well, he said-' Mother, mother, don't you be afraid. The strong man has come to carry me over the mountains."

# MADAME GUYON.

Madame Guyon spent the years in which she walked in the continued sunlight of the higher life amid perpetual defamations, persecutions, "bonds and imprisonments." Fourteen years of that period she spent as a prisoner in the Bastile. where the grated window was daily darkened by the shadow of the Man in the Iron Mask as he passed up and down in the hall of that prison. Even there she ever "saw the bright light which is in the clouds," and thus sung for joy of heart:

A little bird I am, Shut out from fields of air. And in my cage I sit and sing To Him who placed me there Well pleased a prisoner to be, Because, my God, it pleaseth thee.

Naught have I else to do; I siug the whole day long; And He whom most I love to please Doth listen to my song. He caught and bound my wandering

wing, But still He bends to hear me sing. O, it is good to soar These bolts and bars above,

To Him whose purpose I adore, Whose providence I love, And in thy mighty will to find The joy, the freedom of the mind

The expiring Ladies' Repository celebrated its last moment by an ill-considered fling at our current hymn-book revision. This work, the moribund growler said, "is now in the hands of a large and cumbrously ordered committee, the infelicity of whose methods of action may prove to be the best thing about the matter," and so on. The committee's size was ordered by the General Conference, and Bishop Janes just before he died probably did more to "order" the personnel of the committee than any one other single man. It might indeed be regretted that

doubts about the organ's prophecy of the committee's success in making a hymn book should be shaken when we contemplate the organ's advance knowledge of the aforesaid "methods." Nothing remains now for the new born Repository but to follow in earnest Sidney Smith's joking proposal to review a book before reading it, in order thereby to avoid being prejudiced. The organ also expresses regret that the hymn book will destroy a million dollars now invested in the old hymn book, and thereby outrage. Wesley's words about unnecessary expense. What a world it is, needed !-steel rails wasting iron rails, steamers wasting the value in sail vessels, cars smashing canal boats and stage coaches, and new editions superseding the old-alack-aday! With all possible modesty we hope the committee will work hopefully and successfully, and conquer both the natural obstacles and the unnatural grumblers.—N.W. Adv.

John Wesley's Bible is still to the fore and likely to be so for centuries to come. It is the insignia of the Wesley. an Presidential office, and is handed from the outgoing occupant of the coaference chair to his successor. It is the badge of prerogative and authority as well as office. John Knox's Bible is now in the possession of John B. Rollo, Esq. It contains the signature of the sturdy reformer, the ink and handwriting of which correspond with copious notes written in a cypher on the margin, in which hand the Psalms are divided into morning and evening portions. The following affidavit is also inscribed:

"The book was printed by a gentleman named Richard Cameron, in the year of our Lord 1530, and was presented to the famous John Knox, our Scottish Reform. er, in the year of our Lord 1560, for his family Bible, which he kept till his death, which happened at Edinburge in the year of our Lord, 1572, being twelve years in his possession. It next fell into the hands of his successor, Mr. Carson, where it con tinued till his death, and passed into the hands of his widow, whose name was Page. where it continued till the present year of our Lord, 1688. (Signed) Thomas

The Bible was transferred from the name of Page to that of Housten on account of marriage, and it continued in the hands of the Houstens till it was next transferred by Margaret Housten to the name of Elder, and at his decease upon the 20th of February, 1807, it came into the hands of his son. Hugh Elder, now residing in Edinburgh. It was purchased from him by Wm. Glenny of the same city, and at his death was sold by his wife to the Hon. Roger Rollo, whose son now has it. It ought to become the property of some branch of the Presbyterian Church, and used as Weslev's Bible is now used by the Wesleyan Church.—Ch. Advocate.

A BISHOP'S CONVENTION WAS recently held by the dignitaries of the M. E. Church, at which among numerous appointments we find that Dr. Upham, of the New England Conference, was nominated fraternal delegate to the Methodist Church of Canada. A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of introducing Lay delegation into the Annual Conferences; also a large Committee to correspond upon and prepare for an Encumenical Methodist Conference. All this means progression. Lay delegation to Annual Conferences will come everywhere, sooner or later. An assembly of representatives from the various branches of the great Methodist family would accomplish much for

If there is a man who ought to be bright and cheery, that man is the one upon and the reader .- Weekly Visitor. whom God shines. According to the world's standard, the son of a king should lead a gay life. How absurb that the sons and daughters of the king's King should wear long faces. We are on our journey through a wilderness to our Father's palace. Never mind the brambles. The glorious sun shines bright. Let us be glad-

# TENNYSON.

Tennyson is represented as having plump month before the committee had fences out curious intruders." He is done by it; that our weakest efforts

its first session-November 20. Our doubtless having the posthumous biographer in mind, and means that the path of glory shall extend beyond the grave. His wife and stalwart sons are his chief companions. Beyond them, he has little desire for society.

> President Lincoln was certainly a good judge of a joke. He pronounced the following first rate : Rev. Thomas Williams was met one day in Providence, many years ago, by the late General Carpenter, a noted lawyer of that city, and one of the sympathizers in Dorr's insurrection:

Good morning, Father Williams," said General Carpenter, "How do you do? how have you been! I do wish I could hear you preach once more, I have not heard you now for a long time.'

"If you had have been where you ought to have been," rejoined Mr. Williams you would have heard me last Sab-

"Ah! Where were you? where did you preach last Sabbath?" said Gen. Carpenter. "In the State's Prison," retorted Father Williams,

If Methodists in this country are at the top of the list in numbers, they appear to be at the bottom in giving to the great cause of Missions. The following is the rate per member for five denominations: "The Congregationalists give \$2.42; the Canada Methodists \$1.80; the Northern

and Southern Presbyterians \$1.25; the Episcopalians \$1.22; and the Northern Methodists 42 cents. We fear that we in the South have not

done as well as our Northern brethren .-Richmond Adv. BAD HABITS IN CONVERSATION.

Among the many bad habits which may be observed in society, is that of indulging in expressions which are not literally true. Truth is a jewel of such inestimable value that it ought on no account to be sullied or disregarded.

The bad habit of expressing ourselves in an inflated manner has a tendency to make us undervalue the truth, and must therefore be injurious. Thousands fall into this error through want of thought or attention. The few following expressions, drawn from every-day life, may furnish useful suggestions to those who are ingious to avoid evil in all its degrees :-- >

"I was so ill that I thought I should have died."-Nothing could have been further from the thoughts than dying.

"The doctor said, if it had been a hair's breadth deeper it would have killed me."-A skilful surgeon that for his horse. I will venture to say (and same doctor.

"He leaps a five-barred gate and makes nothing of it." Then he overcomes an impediment better than I can. "She turned pale as a sheet."-

Somewhat paler than the truth, I fear. "My hands were cold as ice."-I rather doubt that.

"His face was as black as my hat.' -What! that is blacker than a blackamoor.

"I am tired to death."-Then I hope you have made your will.

"He was as fat as a porpoise, she thin as a herring."-An ill-matched pair, truly.

"We were up to our knees in dirt." It must have been a bad road, then.

"It was enough to kill me."-Strange that it did not. "I have called on him fifty times,"-

Are you sure that you counted them? "I have told you of that fault a thousand times."-Do say, nine hundred and ninety-nine.

I had not a wink of sleep all night." -Pity you went to bed at all. "I would not do it for the world."-

Then you have a spirit above bribery.

The above remarks apply to the bad habits of many. There are two persons who should benefit by them-the writer

#### ---MINISTERS' WIVES.

Christian at Work.

We hardly see a religious paper now. a-days which does not make allusion to the hardships of ministers' wives. Indeed, they have their trials. They have not only to look after the congregation, but the minister. The pastor's wife has to be the friendly critic of the husneither consulted the Repository oracle, that "eternal tobacco-pipe in his band's sermon and its delivery. If the but the theory that most excites our mouth with a tobacco-jar big enough preacher comes home with the susadmiration is the fact that the depart- for an ancestral urn beside him." He picion that he has made a dead failure ing organ which was edited in October gazes out of his window at the "gray in his discourse, she has to persuade seemed to know all about the com- line of undulating hills and strip of him that it was not as bad as he supmittee's "infelicitous methods" a silver sea, smokes and writes, and posed; that he will yet hear of good

may sometimes result in a great harvest; that she liked it better this time than when he preached it in the other settlements, &c. She has to stand between him and the door-bell; suppress unpleasant things brought to the house by pestiferous gossips; tear up insult- 2. The Loon Fund. &c. ing anonymous letters; and of ten, on a small salary, navigate a household around the Cape Horn of large ex-

But oh, the joys of being a ministers' wife! Is she not generally the pet of the congregation? If she has culture and disposition she will have more attention shown her than any other lady in the neighborhood receives. She is sought after, bowed to, and consulted on all sides. She has an open door to all the confidences of the people. In a word, no one has so se fair a chance as she. She may sometimes complain about the hardships of her station, but she is really so well satisfied with her place that she would not exchange with any one else We can think of no position more desirable than that of a minister's wife, except that of a minister. Trials-of course. What women are without them? Ever since Eve was down sick from eating too many harvest apples, woman has had troubles: but the parsonage is not the favourite place for their congregating. The merriest wives we have seen, all up and down the land, are minister's companions. We congratulate the parsonages of Christendom!

### CORRESPONDENCE.

ARE MINISTERS OVERPAID?

MR. EDITOR,-I have had the pleasure

of reading a number of your correspondents letters on the above subject, and have been waiting to see some reply from A Layman" to "A Subscriber," but have not seen any up to this date. The correspondence shows how much some families can spend and how much less others can get along with. While "Layman" needs \$900 (we dont know whether he could stop short of \$3000) for his family and horse, " A City Lawyer" can feast on beef-steak, roast goose and boiled turkey for \$750. While a "Circuit Rider' and his family (we presume he has one) and horse can subsist on \$300. It shows plainly that families, as well as horses, can subsist on a very small amount. While "A Layman" wants \$800 and upwards for himself and family, and \$100 I think I have lived long enough to know what it takes to support a family) that one half of the families, as well as the horses, in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia do not have one half of that amount | the tax for the Children's Fund on ceryearly to expend or keep them, and one half of that number of families and horses live on less than one third of that amount. took from the men who were getting \$500 It is quite likely that "A Layman" can spend \$100 or more on a horse through ting \$1000 a year. This may be repeated the year; but I can tell him that I kept two horses last year on less than one half of that amount, and I think that my two did as much work as one of his. " A Circuit Rider" has not told us whether he has any children (I write from memory, always got their children's claims; and if as the WESLEYAN is going the rounds to I read correctly, the others, no matter how other families), but we presume, by his rich the circuit, or high the salary, will correspondence, that he has not. It seems get exactly the same. to be an unfortunate circumstance for him that he has not. Had he been blessed with eight or ten children, their income would have exceeded his. There seems to be something wrong in the distribution of the children's fund, for while he has only received \$360, he has to pay out \$60. and what for? To support those ministers children who are receiving the \$750 and upwards; and if he has eight children, his salary would be \$320 more. Then there is the docation and educational allowance for his children—say some \$200 or \$300 more, which would raise the amount he would receive somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1370, while "C. R." gets only \$300, and quite likely has the same amount of labour, perhaps double, and only receives about one quarter of the amount. Now, Mr. Editor, we think there is something wrong in this item, and until there is a change made, the Stationing Committee should endeavor, as far as this committee to be assessed or relieved circumstances will allow, to place those ministers that have large families on independent circuits; then "Circuit Rider," and others like him, will be eased, and the others, perhaps, not overburdened with too great an amount of the things of this life. I would throw out these bints, trusting that others, far more competent to deal with the matter, will endeavour to suggest and bring forth such measures groaning or complaining—after all the as will equalize the matter, so that none shall be burdened at the expense of others. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space, I remain yours truly,

ANOTHER LAYMAN.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE. CHILDREN'S FUND, &c.

Mr. Editor,-A few days since I received a paper addressed to the Quarterly Board of the Nova Scotia Conference, concerning 1. The Childrens Fund, and

Concerning the latter, I've nought just now to say. When I saw the announce. ment of the scheme, I thought-now we have a happy issue out of all our troubles. Then reason said to impulse-Wait a minute, friend, let us scan it a little. I put on my glasses-these are not fashion. able glasses -- they are not blue nor green, nor do they show good and bad just alike! I read, "Any suggestions, &c. concerning the Loan Fund, &c., thankfully received." Please allow me a trial or two at the scheme before it is launched.

From my first entrance into the Con. ference (and I would say from your's dear sir, only I saw the silver thread a coming the other day when I called on you, which made me pray, as I went out. "God bless our editor on his uncushioned chair, and send him an easier one"), but from my first days in the Conference, the Children's Fund has been regarded, if I could judge from the objections, complaints, threats, &c., as one of our chief defects. And if I have any memory, the chief difficulty, the real trouble, was the assessing of circuits according to mem. bership, thus keeping down the lists, and putting the same tax on the poor as the rich. These difficulties, though apparently removed, are really retained and aug. mented by the proposed scheme.

Year after year the trouble became worse and worse-confusion became worse confounded. A committee was appointed at the last Conference to bring in a scheme. &c. This committee reports.-

"After a careful examination of several proposed plans, it was unanimously resolved that the following be recommended as the most feasible

Well, truly, I would like to see some of the plans that were less feasible. I wonder what they were like, and who brought

"1. The Independent Circuits to provide for the Minister's children upon them, according to an apportionment to be made annually by a Committe appointed by the Conference.'

So, our so-called Independent Cycuits are not yet to be allowed to become such. Nay, are still to receive grants for their ministers children; and worse still,-this is to be done by an annual committee of -mostly-fallible men, who may be influenced by personal, local or other influences to do, of course, innocently, the most unjust things; and there is no rescheme, truly. An irresponsible, changing committee of, possibly, interested men. At the last Conference, a committee, something like this, was appointed to do something similar, and they remitted tain Independent Circuits. and, of course, took it out of the dependent ones, that is, a year, and gave it to those who were getevery year under the new scheme.

"2. The claims of the children of Ministers upon Dependent Circuits to be a first claim upon the Missionary Grant."

What does this amount to? They have

"3. All Circuits hereafter attaining to an Independent relation to be relieved of any assessment for the Children's Fund for the first year of their independence; the claimants to draw their allowance for that year from the Missionary Grant. The second year, such Circuits to be assessed half of their pro-portion as Independent Circuits, the balance of the Children's claims for that year to be drawn from the Missionary Grant. The third year, such Circuis to be assessed their full amount as other Independent Circuits."

By this, certain Independent Circuits the first year are to be relieved altogether from tax for Children's Fund. That is, their ministers are to receive their full salary, and their children's allowance besides, out of the Grant to Missions, or out of the allowance for the poor and dependent men? Is this so? The second year haif of all this; after that, entire indeperdence. That is, go into the hands of of assessment as it a ay happen. Is this whole thing framed in the interest of the strong and wealthy? To suit that certain Independent Circuit that last year gave its minister \$800 salary, and received out of the Children's Fund \$50 more than,

" Circuits to be assessed, &c." So the old monster is retained, after all the brain and power of the Conference is spent in trying to annihilate it.

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GOING HOME TO CLOUD-HEAVEN. Dear, dear, but it was cold on Christ-

mas morning. The air was keenly biteverything was miserably winter and chill. Turie Quilty drew her thin legs up into her chair, and sat on her feet with a pathetic idea of warming them. flew as fast.

"A penny for bread, and where are we? Nowhere! Nothin' for milk nor sugar, nor coal, nor jelly! A egg vesterday for Tim, and nothin' else! Yes, taking just one bite. Tim, coming !"

The half-muttered monologue resolved itself into this cheery, sweettoned, "Yes, Tim coming." The small feet were placed stiffly down on the floor and Turie was in motion. Assuredly "in motion," for such comical ed walking. One hand was flung above her head, one foot tried to elevate itself to the same height, and the other twisted itself along, and through the open door of her bare garret room, into one the best. A whirl of a second on one toe, and breathless the girl looked down on a white face lying so tired and weak white face spoke proudly.

"That was a stunner." "Yes, I didn't fall, nor tumble, nor ed eyes. scrabble a bit, did I? Corinne says that if I can only get a little fatter, I can soon earn a shilling a week. Think of that Tim! What do you want?"

Tim looked down nervously, before he answered with a patient yet childishly wistful tone:

"I thought maybe it was most dinner time, and I didn't smell no fire, and I thought you was gone out—that was

It was well for his tender heart that he could not see her face as she stooped to move the one bit of carpet so that its brightest colors should lie where he cheerily:

"You great baby! It was not the dinner you wanted, but me! Don't them close her last frail house, and you go for to say you're hungry! I bear Turie to the field of everlasting must go out, but I'll give you a crack. quiet. No more of dancing, no more

she produced one from a stone jar, carefully concealing that it was the last and only one. Not daring to look at him again, she danced out and shut the door. All the life died out of her whirling figure, and she sank down in the farthest corner of the bleak garret the angels that Turie had taught him in outspoken grief.

"Oh, Tim; oh, poor Tim! He's hungry, and I've nothin' to give him;" and sobbing in a subdued tone, she strove to think calmly.

They were orphans. Tim crippled and ill from birth. Two years before their father had fallen from a scaffold, and been brought home to them dead. Turie picked up a scanty living by selling the laces and crochet tidies, in the day, that her fingers wove so deftly at night. Some three years before, the father, then a carpenter in a minor theatre, had befriended a ballad girl; and in return Madomisselle Corinne (Mary want of food. Slowly the tears rose, Brady) shad commenced teaching Turie and dropped silently one by one. It to dance. Through all their poverty the child nature conquired as the stilland want the lessons had continued and ness of the room was broken by his Turie had been an apt pupil. A great sobs. He was soon exhausted, and lay grief to Corinne was the fact that Turie terrified and shuddering. Then he callcouldn't er wouldn't grow fat; and ed: "Turie, Turie." No answer, and many were the counical consultations and slid off the bed, falling so heavily held with Lim on the subject. Turie that he was stunned. entertained the shrewd idea that more not yet stumbled on it. Unfortunate-Christmas Day was not a very hopeful his loved ones, and Turic among them. or happy one. Tim's rapidly failing little as he knew it.

dwindled to one. With a resolute look dawning through her tears, she started up and wrapped her ragged shawl about her. A straw have been. The large white cloud, bonnet without trimming of any kind, and so large, that it slipped down and

this ludicrous headgear beamed the same resolute face, as she ran down the stairs, through the narrow street, and out into a broad thoroughfare. Watchter, the snow was crusted with ice, and ing her chance, she crossed the crowded street, went into a baker's, and hold. ing out her penny said: "a penn'orth of buttered cakes," and stood with wistful eyes as the man buttered the steam-As she sat, her fingers, though numb ing edibles, slapped them together, and and cold, knitted busily, and her thoughts | bade her " eat em while they smoked." She was only a child, and her heart swelled as the delicious smell rose to her pinched nostrils; and it took all her love for Tim to restrain her from

Not a morsel had she tasted all day. and hunger was tempting her sorely. Keeping her head well up, so that no sight of the cakes might make her false Curfew Chimes to Tim, she started for the opposite side of the street. The roadway was crowded with carts, but Turie was not getting over the floor could not be styl- afraid. She had almost gained the opposite side, when an infuriated horse broke from its master's guiding hand, and sprang forward. Turie heard the warning shouts, and even then would have been safe, but her hat fell forward. more comfortable, but poor enough at | blinding her eyes, and in the next instant she was under the tramping hoofs, down in the snow, with the wheels crushing out her life. Around the pale on the pillow. Then the owner of the form a pitying crowd gathered, some only curious-many with the Christmas softness resting in their moisten-

For she was dead. Her fragile bones were broken in many places; and her face, unburt and smiling with the triumph of a vanquished temptation, and one hand grasping the precious food, were all that looked like Turie. Just before a boot-boy had ridiculed her comical hat; now, with his bare cold hand he strove to shape it round the still face. No one seemed to know who she was, or where she lived. A poor man drew his cart to the walk, and laid her on its rough boards. With an ashamed movement, he pulled off his warm coat, covered the broken form should see them. That face was full of with it, then drove away with the podismay; and it was quite a moment liceman, and faced the bitter day, barebefore, with a little twirl and spring, armed. The matron at the hospital she regained her feet, and answered dropped tears of sympathy on the white flowers she laid round the child face. then kissed the peaceful lips, and saw of knitting, no more want, but a rest Stanley's Lectures on the Jewish Church With a great show of bustle and fuss, immortal, a peace eternal, and the rai D: Smith's Old and New Testament Hisment and the glory of the angels for Kurts History of the Christian Church

> Tim lay quiet after Turie had left History of the Reformation —by Rev. Geo. him alone, eating his cracker slowly and trying to believe that it satisfied him. When it was gone he watched the clouds passing by, and thoughts of to believe dwelt in them. Surely Turie was staying long! He covered his thin arms more closely, for the scrap of fire she had left was cold and dull. A great and heavy cloud of gray, he thought, must be the home of his father, sturdy and strong of yore, and changed in no way in his son's mind. Another, soft and bright, he thought must hold his young mother, who left him at his birth: and he knew her waiting for him was almost at an end, for his strength fa led very fast, and he could scarcely lift his head unaided. Surely Turie was a long time coming.

It was getting so dark, the shadows were gathering so fast, but he heard no footstep. He felt faint and weak from was ro dark! A frightened sob, and with a frantic effort he raised himself

He woke with the rays of the candle feed would saive the difficulty; but she showing him the face of Corinne, on kept this idea secret, and the others had whose arm his head was pillowed, and kis crooked limbs covered by the folds of her dress. He was too weak to Biographics of the Great and Good-Sigourby, Corinne had been away with her speak; but, following the motion of his troupe in the neith country towns, or lips, Corinne thought he was trying to Turie would have gone to her, sure of pray, and she said aloud the words of kindly help. Poor little woman; the peace that came to her. When her voice was still, Tim bad gone to find

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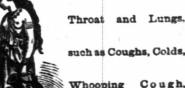
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