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CHRISTMAS, 1876.

When you draw the curtain's bright fold
And shut out 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 soft 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,
He thinks of his poor.
—Mrs M. F. Bells.

1876—1877.

I looked and saw an old man sitting
with a huge 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 approach-
ing the hour of twelve. They reached
it at last. The clock struck, and the
old man with a sigh closed the myster-
ious volume, and was about to rise and
place it on his shelf among many oth-
ers 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 murmured, "have
your will: come hither;" and he re-
placed 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 feel-
ings, words and deeds, through the past
year. I ran my eye hastily over the
whole. There was scarcely an entry
that was not more or less dark and om-
inous. 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 ac-
companied them, or in some other lit-
tle matter that was otherwise connect-
ed with them; the plague spot was still
discoverable, tainting and poisoning
the whole. The wonderful minuteness,
also, of the details utterly overwhelmed
me. Things that I had altogether over-
looked or forgotten were here carefully
recorded and commented on.

"What!" I exclaimed, "is it possi-
ble that the eye of God can take cog-
nizance 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
being."

"What then?" I replied, "shall gross
actual transgression bring no more
guilt on us than a mere passing emotion
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 looks 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 it."

"I see, then," said I, "that on this
supposition my case is an alarming one.
I may indeed cry aloud 'My leanness!
my leanness! Woo is me!' My very
tears need be washed; my very prayers
to be proved for; my best feelings and
doings are not merely imperfect, but
often offensive."

"Even so," he mournfully replied
"all that is not done to the glory of
God, to the good of mankind, or to the
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
sifted, the persuasions you have re-
jected, 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 re-
pentance, 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 cleanseth
from all sin; and happy for you, for
all, if you might begin the entries of
the coming year with a record of con-
trition 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
judgment, let Thy name be found in-
scribed; and for the temptation of the

future let Thy grace be imparted, and
it will, I know, be sufficient. Here I
would begin the year by giving myself
to Thee. Dwell in my heart by Thy
Holy Spirit, and mold me to Thy will!"
In the violence of my excitement I
awoke—it was a dream. And morning
ushered in the coming year.—*Sunday
Magazine.*

HINTS FOR MINISTERS.

"I had resolved, on coming to Edin-
burgh to give my evenings to my
family; to spend them not as many
ministers did, in the study, but in the
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 scribbled on the altar of public
duty. This I thought no father was
warranted in doing.

"Thus the only time left me for pre-
paration for the pulpit, composing my
sermons and so thoroughly committing
them that they rose without an effort
to my memory,—and therefore appear-
ed as if born on the spur and stimulus
of the moment—was found in the
morning. For some years after com-
ing to Edinburgh I spent Summer and
Winter, at five o'clock. At six I had
got through my public and private
devotions, and was then prepared and
engaged for my session, and
was seated at my desk, having till nine
o'clock, when we breakfasted, three
unbroken hours before me. This be-
ing my daily practice, gave me as much
as eighteen hours in each week—and
instead of the Friday and Saturday—
the whole six days to ruminate and
digest and do the utmost justice in my
power to my sermon. A practice like
this I would recommend to all mini-
sters, whether in town or country. It
secures ample time for preparation,
brings a man fresh each day to his
allotted portion of his work, keeps his
sermon simmering in his mind all the
week through, till the subject takes
possession of him, and, as the conse-
quence, he comes on Sabbath to his
pulpit to preach with fullness, fresh-
ness, and power."—*Dr. Guthrie.*

THAT QUESTION OF THE NORTH
POLE refuses to be buried. Disappoint-
ment has only whetted the appetite of
venturous explorers. The cruel North
will claim more victims yet; whether it
will yield up its secret then—suppos-
ing it to have a secret—is not so cer-
tain.

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, at
his request, baptized a young man by im-
mersion, the Presbytery declared it con-
trary 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 Presby-
terian Churches, people could be either
immersed or sprinkled. The Synod hard-
ly sustained the action of the Presbytery
but requested all parties concerned to in-
terpret its finding as giving "fraternal
counsel."

THE LATE BISHOP GEORGE D. CUMMINS.

George David Cummins, D. D., of
the Reformed Episcopal Church, was
born in Smyrna, Delaware, December
11th, 1822. He was educated at Dick-
inson College, under the patronage of
the Methodist Episcopal Church, and
graduated with distinction in 1841. He
was converted under the preaching of
the Methodist ministry, and was con-
nected, subsequently, with the Balti-
more Methodist Episcopal Conference.

In 1844, he studied for the ministry
of the Protestant Episcopal Church,
and in October, 1845, was ordained de-
acon by Bishop Lee of Delaware, by
whom he was also made a presbyter,
in July, 1847. The degree of Doctor
of Divinity was conferred upon him by
Princeton College, in 1856. His first
charge was the parish of Christ's Church,
Norfolk, Va.; his next, that of St. James's Church,
Richmond, in the same
State; then, that of Trinity Church,
Washington, D. C., which was followed
by that of St. Peter's Church, Balti-
more, M.D., when, finally, he was called
to preside over that of Trinity Church,
Chicago, Ill.

While in charge of this last parish,
he was elected Assistant Bishop of
Kentucky, and was consecrated in
Christ's Church, Louisville, November
18th, 1866. The Bishop of Vermont
performed the consecratory service, as-
sisted by the Bishops of Kentucky and
Iowa—the latter of whom preached the
sermon. The Assistant Bishops of In-
diana and of Tennessee, the Missionary
Bishop of Nebraska and the Bishop of
Pittsburgh, were present also.

The low-church views of Bishop
Cummins were so decided, that he took
occasion to censure the ritualistic ten-
dencies and practices of the churches in
the See of Kentucky. In 1873, he was
present at the meeting of the Evangelical
Alliance in New York, and pursued
a course that caused a great deal of
discussion within the Episcopal denomi-
nation. Soon after he withdrew
from the Protestant Episcopal Church,
and originated a body which is known
as the Reformed Episcopal Church.
The first General Council of this new
denomination assembled in the City of
New York, December 2d, 1873, when all
the steps necessary to the efficient or-
ganization of the body were taken. At
the second General Council, convened
in New York also, May, 1874, he was
elected President of that Assembly.

During the seven years of the per-
formance of his functions as a bishop,
his exertions on behalf of the Christian
Church generally were most unremit-
ting and meritorious. He was sincere,
eloquent and able; and given to labor
and to thought in connection with his
high mission. He was, in truth, a
faithful guide and guardian in all
things pertaining to his flock, and had
set his heart upon the success of the
new branch of the Church of Christ
that he had founded.

It appears that the cause of the death
of Bishop Cummins was cold, taken
while riding in an open carriage to the
railway station in Baltimore, after eve-
ning service on Sunday, June 18th,
having preached twice on that day. He
was perspiring freely, after his exer-
tions; and being anxious to reach his
home in Lutherville, had not taken suf-
ficient precaution to wrap himself up.
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 pulsa-
tions of the heart were distinctly aud-

ible at some distance from the couch
on which he lay. On Monday, June
26th, all pain having ceased suddenly,
he began to entertain the hope that the
crisis had passed, and that he would
recover; but his physicians were of a
different opinion, and apprised him
that the end was near. He received
the intelligence with Christian resigna-
tion, after which he began to sink
gradually.

At this supreme moment, the fruits
of his well-spent life were spread before
him as on a golden salver, and he tast-
ed of their refreshing sweetness; for,
when his grief-stricken wife asked him
"Darling do you know me?" he re-
plied, yes dear, I know you." And
when again she inquired, "Do you
know Jesus?" he brightened up, with
all the energy of which he was capable,
"Yes I know Him!" Soon afterwards
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 answer-
ed, while a glow of enthusiasm lit up
his features for a moment, "Yes, tell
them to go forward and do a grand
work!" Then 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
lips.

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. B. Nicholson, Rev. Messrs. Postel-
thwaite, Reynolds and Washburn, of
Baltimore; Rev. W. T. Sabine, of New
York; and Rev. M. Gallagher, of Bal-
way, N. J. These accompanied the
remains to the station, whence they
were taken to the Church of the Re-
deemer, Baltimore, where the regular
service was performed at noon. Be-
sides the ministers already named,
there were present: Bishop C. E.
Cheney, and Rev. S. Fallows, recently
elected Bishop. The services were
conducted by several of the clergy, and
brief addresses were made by Bishop
Nicholson and Bishop Cheney. Upon
the conclusion of these, the remains
were taken to Loudoun Park Cemetery,
and interred besides the grave of the
Bishop's mother.

Bishop Fallows, in referring to the
oratorical powers of Bishop Cummins,
observes: "His style was remarkable
for its crystalline clearness. The
golden lamp of his thought could
never be seen in its pellucid depths.
He selected, seemingly on the instant,
the most happily-fitting words to con-
vey his meaning, as the magnet seizes
the particles of steel out of the inter-
mingled mass. Sentences rounded,
and golden periods apparently polished
with the most elaborate attention, fol-
lowed each other in constant succession
in his purely extempore efforts."

It had been thought by some that
the demise of this able and faithful
worker, would militate against the sta-
bility of the new denomination; but
the steadily increasing prosperity of
the body may be inferred from the fact
that a new church belonging to it is now
in course of erection in Newark, N.
J.; while quite recently the corner-
stone of another such edifice was laid
in the city of New York, with most im-
posing 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.
Sabine.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES FOR INFANT 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 gleams the star. Shout the tidings! Swell the chorus! Hallelujahs sing. Christ is born and 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 chorus! Hallelujahs sing. Christ is born, and ruleth o'er us, Loud let praises ring! So come we with joy and gladness, On this festive 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 leadeth 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 hear his word; Two little feet³ to walk in his ways, Two hands⁴ to work for him all my days. One little tongue⁵ to speak 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. (To be sung.) These two little eyes¹ that God has given, 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 lips⁵ must speak his praise; That when he calls us home⁹ to heaven The beautiful city of light, To each little head⁶ 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 hands extended, palms upward, through the two lines. 8.—Look up all together a moment. 9.—Point up with right forefinger. 10.—Describe an easy circle over the head with right forefinger.

I'm a little soldier boy, 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 order be, 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 me, Tho' but an armour bearer I may be. Surly my Captain will remember me, Tho' but an armour-bearer I may be. 2. Only an armour-bearer, now in the field, Guarding a shining helmet, sword, and shield, Waiting to hear the thrilling battle-cry, 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 wear: 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, mortgage 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 loans 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 Assyrian Empire to the reign of Darius Hystaspes, including dates in the reign of Nabopolassar, father of Nebuchadnezzar, Evil-Merodach, Cambyses, and the elder and the younger Cyrus. The dates of the tablets, therefore, furnish very important chronological landmarks, and are in many respects superservative 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 number of mathematical tablets giving calculations of considerable intricacy.

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SEE WHAT THE CLERGY SAY. Rev. R. H. Craig, Princeton, N. J., says—"Last summer, when I was in Canada, I caught a bad cold in my throat. It became so bad that often in the middle of my sermon my throat and tongue would become so dry I could hardly speak. My tongue was covered with a white parched crust, and my throat was much inflamed. An old lady of my congregation advised me to use the "SHOSHONEES REMEDY," which was then using. The first dose relieved me, and in a few days my throat was nearly well. I discontinued the use of it, but my throat not being entirely well, became worse again. I procured another supply, and I am happy to say that my throat is entirely well, and the white crust has disappeared. I wish that every minister who suffers from sore throat would try the "GREAT SHOSHONEES REMEDY." REV. GEO. W. GROUT, Stirling, Ont., says—"Mrs. George Francis was severely afflicted with kidney disease, and had been under the care of three physicians without any beneficial result. She has taken four bottles of the "SHOSHONEES REMEDY," and now enjoys the best of health." REV. T. C. BROWN, Brooklyn, Ont., says—"My wife was very low with lung disease, and given up by her physician. I bought a bottle of the "SHOSHONEES REMEDY," and at the end of two days she was much better. By continuing the Remedy she was perfectly restored." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles \$1; Pills 25 cents a box. Oct. 14—ch. 2 mos.

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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, wasteful habits which do nothing to improve it. Confining ourselves altogether 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 none 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 love and remedy as humanity needed, without enquiring whether they were suffering from unavoidable calamity or their own extravagancies or indulgences. 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 gathering, a time of glee, a week of unmingled satisfaction; but if it take no thought for Christ's friends, it is at best a selfish festivity. Make a steward of some agent or society whose duty and delight it is to search out the worthy distressed—often fleeing from notice—and as God hath given you so give through them. It is anything but Christ-like to distribute gifts from hand to hand of the rich by pounds, while the poor are recipients of pence. The same pleasure which diffuses itself through your home should overflow as much as when the prodigal returned, and the lost piece of money came to the light. Call in the needy neighbors at least to your heart.
It ought to be marked by acts of religious praise and thanksgiving. Do not suffer the Christmas service to die out in our churches. It is slowly, sadly de-

clining. Bring it back to life. Introduce 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 lowly 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 in the direction of the occupation of her territory in any way. Turkey shows more courage than for a century past.

Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.—A Literary Olio, commencing the course of lectures and entertainments for 1876-7, will be given on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th, in Association Hall Halifax. Programme to consist of Addresses, Readings, and Music. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock. Tickets for the course (eight), 50 cts. Single tickets 10 cents.

A poetic contribution this week having reference to the Christmas season, from a Nova Scotia lady whose articles we are always proud to publish. There are other contributors, whose writings we also prize as they reach us occasionally. Poetry is an art, or an inspiration, lying 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 yards of the common thing floating this moment in the upper air, whether the smoke of our waste-basket bath borne it from human view; but we hope ever to have eyesight for the enjoyment of a genuine poetic article.

AFTER looking over the letter of "Reader," on the proposed Children's Fund Scheme, for the N. Scotia Conference, we begin to dream of the difficulties which beset men, when they set out to obtain a perfect machine for working with irregular and imperfect materials. The plan on which our correspondent animadverts is the select one of several brought before as capable a business committee—lay and clerical—as can be found in the Provinces. The difficulty is to reach an equitable scheme which will work by some given rule. This one does not profess to be governed by absolute, arithmetical principles. It is to some extent arbitrary, to be left very much to the best judgment of men who will represent all interests. When you accept a plan by which some given principle will underlie the assessment, then you but substitute one scheme which bears upon a certain class of circuits for another scheme which bears similarly on those of another class. A

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 Dollars worth for last year in the WESLEYAN. It will be our aim to do even more 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. We 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. Our Baptist brethren will not go so far as to 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 WESLEYAN. We remarked, a few weeks ago, upon a sermon preached by a brother minister in his own pulpit, incidentally alluding 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 fervent for kind words. One pastor writes that he has spoken of the WESLEYAN several times in public services, and invariably with the success of obtaining new subscriptions. How far is this example followed? Our 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 report early. 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 say our old subscribers are holding on firmly by the paper. 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 oblig."

This little note came anonymously not long ago to a minister—presumably from some one of the Christians whom he had been serving at the Lord's table. Strangely enough, when the minister showed the note to another member of the same communion, his reply was—"I very much prefer the method which the anonymous writer condemns." So we think do most Christians. "As other ministers do" is a bad precedent in this case. "He took bread and gave thanks and broke it and gave unto them." We take bread and cut it and let them help themselves. We cannot too closely imitate Christ, especially in matters of devotional service. Yet this is a very delicate subject, and ministers can see how departure from precedent of Scripture and Methodistic practice is engendering prejudices, till they assume the form of conscientious scruples.

The Berean Lesson will be resumed in our columns with the New Year. We have omitted the Review for the quarter, which is all that remains for December month.

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 Guanajuato. Anticipating trouble, brothers Craver and Siberts had taken the precaution to securely close their house. When 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 mercifully sustained and protected them, and troops soon arrived, who speedily drove back and dispersed the mob. One of the brethren, in response to a friendly voice outside, at length ventured to look out of the window, only to find the street all quiet, and an armed force drawn up in front of the house, 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 heroes 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 Margareville, with glorious results and encouraging prospects. The 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 the year."

There will be a gathering of the children connected with the Wesleyan Halifax Mission, in the basement of Brunswick St. Church, on Thursday evening, December 25th. 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 attend.

The Soup Kitchen is now in operation, and those wishing to aid in the good work 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 Street.

Margaret's Bay is summoning its energies for strong work in the direction of Temperance. Several have been fined heavily in that vicinity for selling liquors without license. The following note more particularly refers to the Temperance movement, though we learn that our minister there, with his people, have thrown themselves heartily into the scheme:— "In form 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, soul-destroying traffic, which has so long been the curse 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 evening.

The last of the series of socials, in Carmarthen St. Church, St. John, held last Friday evening week, was even more largely attended than any previous one,

some who went not being able to gain admittance. Dr. Daniel, Miss Kearns and Prof. Hatton, of the Blind Asylum, New York, contributed largely to the evening's 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 fineazaar this week. A profusion of beautiful and useful 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 forestalls 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. John last week. He looks 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 Campbellton 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 operations 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 supervision of the Building Committee;

Therefore resolved, that the cordial 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 so important an enterprise of the church and congregation.

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 Irishman."

Mr. James Hannay at Fairville, N. B., on "Louisburg."

Rev. Mr. Carey, in the Methodist Church, Carleton, on "The preachers I saw in 1874."

Rev. Job Shenton in Yarmouth. Subject: "Wanted."

Rev. S. R. Ackman, in Carleton, on "Music."

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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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 Locknow." The sum of \$22 was realized towards the liquidation of the church debt. The Circuit interests suffered somewhat on account of the illness, last summer, 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 existence as a circuit, yet it bids fair to 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 Harbor 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 churches. 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 a 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 St. Ann's last Sunday.

GENERAL.
Rev. Mr. Payne (Bible Christian) delivered a lecture last Wednesday evening in his church in Charlottetown. Subject: "Obedience in the Pulpit." He treated his subject with ability and good taste. Some of his remarks were very hard on the "Oddities."

Rev. M. Collins (B. C.) recently appointed to Murray Harbor, is "in labor more abundant." At present he is engaged in special services with encouraging success.

Rev. Mr. Tonkin (B. C.) on Friday evening last gave a very interesting and instructive lecture to parents, guardians and teachers, in the school room of his church, Summerside. Subject: "How to educate our children." Mr. T. has an excellent system of teaching; and the school under his charge is increasingly prosperous.

Rev. Mr. McDonald, who was injured by jumping from a train, is slowly recovering.

Rev. Mr. McLellan, of Peterboro, Ont., has entered upon his new charge in Charlottetown, as successor of Rev. Thomas Duncan, in the pastorate of St. James Kirk. Mr. Mc's ability and earnestness as a preacher are highly spoken of.

The *Northern Light* has arrived at Charlottetown; and is ready to take her place on the mail route as soon as the other boats cease running. She is a vessel of 375 tons; her engines are exactly like those in the *Corinthian*—a vessel of 2500 tons—belonging to the Allan Line. Her builder expects her to make her way through 33 inches of solid ice.

P. E. Island, Dec. 11th, '76.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Missionary meeting have very generally been held, and with promising results, considering the condition of trade. The genuine spirit of liberality has always been exhibited on this Island especially when the Missionary theme has been presented.

We clip from the St. John's papers two items of very sad interest.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT TWILLINGATE.—On Monday, Nov. 27th, whilst Robert and

Edward Hayward, sons of Matthias Hayward, were out in a boat for the purpose of shooting birds, the former's gun was accidentally discharged, and the shot lodged in the lower part of the body of the latter causing almost instantaneous death.

FROM BONAVISTA.—A sad accident occurred 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 seven years, 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.

MISSIONARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

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 for its Home Missions, is \$9,811, for the 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.

J. HART.

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 year. The labor was hard, though hard 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 Bro. Goldsmith. As well as preaching in the old established places, it was my object to extend the Zion we love, so I endeavored to open some new preaching places. At Maris I preached once in two weeks on weeknight, for part of the first year, the people there soon became earnest listeners for the truth, and wished for Sabbath services and they would do what they were able in bearing the expenses of the Mission. Since my return for the second year I have been giving them Sunday preaching, the result of it is the school house in which we met for worship is becoming too small to hold the people and they have decided to build a new church, they will gather the materials during the winter, and build in early spring.

At Dundas, another part of this field of labor, we have our new church finished outside only, it is open for divine service, and we hope the coming summer to have it all completed. At Dundas we have thirty members, and many of them are daily witnesses of Christ's power to save from sin. A few weeks ago the Rev. Mr. LePage from Murray Harbor, my superintendent visited this part, and administered the sacrament to my people there, it was a time of feasting to their souls, as this part of the country is new and many of our followers are just beginning in life, they have not been able to do as much financially, though many of them have the heart and will, but lack the 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 established 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 that seed I hope is beginning to take root. Our church here was commenced several years ago when Bro. Lewis was here. Things for a time looked favourable and were prosperous, but then came a stand still in church matters, and for some time during the autumn we got some of our

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 accommodate all our people, and also visitors to a comfortable seat that is free, and in a church, also free from debt. 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 he gave us his popular and interesting lecture, on "The March of Havelock and Relief of Locknow." 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 kindness of the people to him on that occasion.

Our Sabbath School here under the superintendence of Bro. Anderson, with his able staff of teachers is in a flourishing condition. We intend to keep it open all winter. What we want now is a revival of religion, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. Brothers pray for us here we need the prayers of the church on our behalf. May the various marks of prosperity on this circuit be the forerunner of a mighty tuning 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. LODGE.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
NOVA SCOTIA.
The "Farmer" says that public schools at Annapolis have been closed on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

On Tuesday evening, 12th inst, a man calling himself Henstis, alias Richard M. Russell, and holding from Miramichi, was arrested in Bridgetown at the instance of Mr. F. Crookill, the railway station agent at that place, charged with having burglariously entered the station at Wolfville, on the night of the 7th inst., and taking therefrom a number 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 Tanook, 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 place.

The packet sloop, Sea Nymph, Capt. Murdoch, left Sherbrooke nearly a fortnight ago for Halifax, and has not yet arrived. Fears are entertained that she has suffered in the late gales.

From the 1st of September to the 12th of December, 125,363 bushels of potatoes were sent from different parts of King's County, to the United States and other places, the value being \$61,901.

The sloop, President, Capt. Sealey, which 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 sloop, Clara Jane, was washed overboard and drowned while on the passage from St. Pierre, May, to Plymouth, Mass.

About 11 o'clock on the night of the 16th, fire was discovered in the upper door of Mr. Peter Carroll's erection room, Pictou. The firemen, with steam engines, 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 latter 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 destroyed.

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. H. E. Taylor & Co., at Fall River twelve

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 at \$5,000.

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 scho. 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 afternoon.

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 voyage.

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 Heidelberg, 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 that attend his ministrations show that his efforts are highly appreciated.

The brig, 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. Henry 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 Drumadon, Murphy, master, has not returned to the city, and his friends are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the vessel at Belest, 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 gentlemen have one each: Messrs. Cruikshanks, McPhee and Dunlop. Mr. John Stewart is about commencing a new vessel. Repairs are nearly completed on the brig, 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 of Bathurst, one of a kind never in extent, the yield of barley was 110 bushels of marketable grain. Not bad for the sterile regions of the North.

Philip George, of Main Street, Portland, on Sunday, 20th inst., fell into the hold of the barque Danube, lying at Lawton's wharf, and was badly injured on the head. Dr. Smith attended him.

The Shuler mills, of Petterson, Ross, have been doing good work the past season. They saved about 2,800,000 superficial feet during the season, and have yet 500,000 feet in the stream to saw.

A new saw mill has just been completed at Rockport by Mr. John Reed. It is on Harvest Creek, and within a few rods of a good shipping place. The mill is fitted with trimmers, edgers, a shingle machine, etc. Mr. Reed proposes sawing dimension stuff, fencing, etc., for the market of Sackville and vicinity.

Judge Wilmut, who with all the honors acquired in a long, useful and laborious life, feels proud of his position as Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School, of any office which it has been his privilege to hold, is preparing a grand Christmas Tree for his Sunday School of over 300 scholars.

Theodore Tilton, Becher's friend and Elizabeth's husband, will lecture in the Institute on Friday evening, the 22nd, on the "Problem of Life."

On Monday, 4th inst., two boats left Duck Island, off Woodwards Cove, Grand Manan, one with double reefed sails, propelled by a young man named Mr. Small, of Lunenburg, bound for Woodwards Cove, and the other by two men, whose destination was a neighboring island. Shortly after starting the men in the latter saw Mr. Small's boat upset and hastened to his aid. In about five minutes they reached the upturned boat, but failed after due search to find the unfortunate man. They picked up his wallet, containing \$64, and his hat, floating near the boat. The body of Mr. Small, though dragged for, has not by latest accounts been found.

UPPER PROVINCES.

Thirty-one municipalities and corporations in Ontario have signed petitions for the repeal of exemptions from taxation of church and other property.

In a quarrel at Leithfield on 14th, Thos. 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 \$8,000.

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 firemen were prostrated. Loss \$2,500.

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 made at Ottawa after the meeting of Parliament in February. This 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 these fires.

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 edges, to serve as both paper and envelope, and to cost two cents." Its adoption would be a great convenience to those who have a large correspondence.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A movement is on foot at Kildermister England, to raise a statue to Sir Howland Hill, K. C. B., the introducer of the penny postage system. He was born in that neighborhood December 8, 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 \$85,000 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; assets to only \$835,000.

President Otton of the Western Union Telegraph, refuse to exhibit telegrams at the command of the Congressional Investigating Committee.

Wade Hampton has been peaceably inaugurated 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 them upon it.

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

A report comes from South Carolina 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 block of 220,000, and 50 families into the street.

The Mexican revolutionists under Iglesias have overthrown Lerdo's government and captured him with his cabinet.

The action of the Government in transferring the printing from the United States establishments to private companies, has caused the discharge of four hundred operatives; two-thirds of which are girls.

The relief fund for the sufferers of the Brooklyn fire has reached \$24,278.

The amount of specie received at the port of New York from Europe from September 20th to December 11th, is stated officially at \$11,222,000, and their is still on the way \$1,600,000.

T. O. Pines, Democrat, has been elected Mayor of Boston by 2000 majority.

The Returning Board of Louisiana refuses to submit to the dictation of the committee appointed by the National House of Representatives on the question of the power of Congress to revise their decision on the Presidential electors.

The Circuit Court of Philadelphia has been appointed to decide what shall be done with the surplus of two million dollars accruing from the Centennial Exhibition.

The boilers in a saw mill at Texareana, Arkansas, exploded on Monday, killing nine men and wounding two.

Prospects in India are not so gloomy in the majority of the famine-threatened districts.

25 miners were killed lately by an explosion in a colliery near Devon.

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 unavoidable, but insisting 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 case of failure.

The Grand Duke Nicholas has asked for a reserve force of 100,000 men. Their mobilization has already commenced at St. Petersburg 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 formal conference will commence next week.

STRANGE AND BEAUTIFUL.

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 across?" Then the mother wept, for in her heart she felt that her child was called away. "What country is it, mamma, 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." Thus Eddy died.

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 Bastille, 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,
Sht out from fields of air,
And in my cage I sit and sing
To Him who plac'd me there,
Well pleas'd a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleaseth thee.
Naught have I else to do;
I sing 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 cumbersomely 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 James 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 neither consulted the *Repository* oracle, but the theory that most excites our admiration is the fact that the departing organ which was edited in October seemed to know all about the committee's "infelicitous methods" a plump month before the committee had

its first session—November 20. Our 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-a-day! 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 Wesleyan Presidential office, and is handed from the outgoing occupant of the conference 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 Reformer, in the year of our Lord 1560, for his family Bible, which he kept till his death, which happened at Edinburgh; 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 continued 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, 1683. (Signed) Thomas Page.

The Bible was transferred from the name of Page to that of Hosten on account of marriage, and it continued in the hands of the Hosten family till it was next transferred by Margaret Hosten 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. Gleny 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 Wesley'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 good.

If there is a man who ought to be bright and cheery, that man is the one upon whom God shines. According to the world's standard, the son of a king should lead a gay life. How absurd 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 that "eternal tobacco-pipe in his mouth, with a tobacco-jar big enough for an ancestral urn beside him." He gazes out of his window at the "gray line of undulating hills and strip of silver sea, smokes and writes, and fences out curious intruders." He is

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 been where you ought to have been," rejoined Mr. Williams, "you would have heard me last Sabbath." "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 anxious 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 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 and the reader.—Weekly Visitor.

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 husband's sermon and its delivery. If the preacher comes home with the suspicion that he has made a dead failure in his discourse, she has to persuade him that it was not as bad as he supposed; that he will yet hear of good done by it; that our weakest efforts

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 insulting anonymous letters; and often, on a small salary, navigate a household around the Cape Horn of large expenses.

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 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 ministers' 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 don't 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 for his horse. I will venture to say (and 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 yearly to expend or keep them, and one half of that number of families and horses live on less than one third of that amount. It is quite likely that "A Layman" can spend \$100 or more on a horse through 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, as the WESLEYAN is going the rounds to other families), but we presume, by his correspondence, that he has not. It seems 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 donation 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 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 hints, trusting that others, far more competent to deal with the matter, will endeavour to suggest and bring forth such measures 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.
New Brunswick, Dec. 8th, 76.

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 Children's Fund*, and 2. *The Loan Fund*, &c.

Concerning the latter, I've nought just now to say. When I saw the announcement 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 fashionable 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 Conference (and I would say from your dear sir, only I saw the silver thread coming the other day when I called on you, which made me pray, as I went out, "God bless our editor on his unchosen 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 membership, 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 augmented 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 them in?

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

So, our so-called Independent Circuits 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 remedy. A fine basis for a grand church scheme, 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 the tax for the Children's Fund on certain Independent Circuits, and, of course, took it out of the dependent ones, that is, took from the men who were getting \$500 a year, and gave it to those who were getting \$1000 a year. This may be repeated every 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 always got their children's claims; and if I read correctly, the others, no matter how rich the circuit, or high the salary, will get exactly the same.

"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 proportion as Independent Circuits, the balance of the Children's claims for that year to be drawn from the Missionary Grant. The third year, such Circuits 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 half of all this; after that, entire independence. That is, go into the hands of this committee to be assessed or relieved of assessment as it may 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 it paid in?

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

READER.

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Dear, dear, mas morning, ter, the snow everything we chill. Turie up into her ch with a pathee As she sat, he and cold, knitt flew as fast.

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Dear, dear, but it was cold on Christmas morning. The air was keenly biting, the snow was crusted with ice, and everything was miserably winter and chill.

"A penny for bread, and where are you? Nowhere! Nothin' for milk nor sugar, nor coal, nor jelly! A egg yesterday for Tim, and nothin' else! Yes, Tim, coming!"

The half-muttered monologue resolved itself into this cheery, sweet-toned, "Yes, Tim coming." The small feet were placed stiffly down on the floor, and Turie was in motion.

"That was a stunner." "Yes, I didn't fall, nor tumble, nor scabble a bit, did I? Corinne says that if I can only get a little fatter, I can soon earn a shilling a week.

Tim looked down nervously, before he answered with a patient yet childish-ly 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 all."

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 should see them. That face was full of dismay; and it was quite a moment before, with a little twist and spring, she regained her feet, and answered cheerily:

"You great baby! It was not the dinner you wanted, but me! Don't you go for to say you're hungry! I must go out, but I'll give you a cracker."

With a great show of bustle and fuss, 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.

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 wore so deftly at night.

this ludicrous headgear beamed the same resolute face, as she ran down the stairs, through the narrow street, and out into a broad thoroughfare. Watching her chance, she crossed with ice, and everything was miserably winter and chill.

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 to Tim, she started for the opposite side of the street.

For she was dead. Her fragile bones were broken in many places; and her face, unkept and smiling with the triumph of a vanquished temptation, and one hand grasping the precious food, were all that looked like Turie.

Tim lay quiet after Turie had left 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 the angels that Turie had taught him to believe dwelt in them.

It was getting so dark, the shadows were gathering so fast, but he heard no footstep. He felt faint and weak from want of food. Slowly the tears rose, and dropped silently one by one.

He woke with the rays of the candle showing him the face of Corinne, on whose arm his head was pillowed, and his crooked limbs covered by the folds of her dress.

Corinne learned one day of Turie's death from a chance witness of the scene: and through all her life the memory of the tender, self-denying, suffering children kept her heart more fresh and pure than it might otherwise have been.

With a resolute look dawning through her tears, she started up and wrapped her ragged shawl about her. A straw bonnet without trimming of any kind, and so large, that it slipped down and rested on her ears, she fastened by tying an old veil over it.

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Rev. GEORGE WHITEFIELD TO Rev. JOHN WESLEY.

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My dear Sir,

It seems you are weak when leaving London distressed me, the news and prospect of your approaching disputation bath quite weighed me down. I pity myself and the Church, but not you: a patient throne awaits you, and ere long you will entertain your master's joy; you'll be staid with a massive crown, ready to put it on your head amidst an admiring throng of saints and angels. But I, poor I, that have been waiting for my disputation these nineteen years must be left behind to grovel here below! Well, this is my comfort: it cannot be long ere the candles will be sent even for worthless me. If prayers can detain them, even you Rev. and very dear Sir, shall not leave us yet; but if the decree is gone forth, that you must now fall asleep in Jesus, may he kiss you soul away, and give you to the embraces of triumphant love! If in the embraces of the young, I hope to pay in the land of the living, I hope to pay my last respects to you next week. If not, Rev. and very dear Sir, Fare-civ-e-ll! *Eyo equar tui non possibus acqui*

My heart is too big, tears trickle down to rest, and you are I fear too weak for me to enlarge. Underneath you may there be Christ's everlasting arms! I commend you to his never-failing mercy, and am, Rev. and dear Sir, your most sympathizing and afflicted younger brother in the gospel of our common Lord. G. WHITEFIELD.

PREACHER'S PLAN, HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Location, Preacher. Includes entries for Brunswick St., Grafton St., Kays St., etc.

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At Sambro, on the 18th inst., by Rev. R. Brecken, Rufus W. Gray, to Hannah, daughter of Mr. Amos Smith all of Sambro.

At the residence of the bride father, on the 22nd November, by the Rev. Wm. Magee, Wm. Gibbon Esq., to Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas Sober Esq., all of Miltish.

By the Rev. J. B. Hemmison at the Methodist parsonage, Pt. Hanksbury on the 7th inst. Mary L. Watts, to Richard P. Smith, both of Pt. Hood.

On the 12th inst., by the Rev. Jas. Stro hand, at the residence of the bride's mother, Capt. Geo. Munroe to Miss Annie E. Armstrong all of Avondale.

At Wolfville, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. J. S. Coffin, Israel J. Parker, of Belleisle, Annapolis Co, and Sarah A. daughter of W. S. Blackadder, of Wolfville.

On the 25th of November, at the Methodist Parsonage, Berwick, by the Rev. C. Lockhart, Mr. George Lythard, to Miss Nancy E. only daughter of E. Nicols Esq.

On the 20th of Nov. at Somerset, by the same, Mr. Major Rhodes of New Germany, to Miss Anne Bell Bryden, of Somerset, West Cornwallis.

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