

ORGANIC CHANGES

IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOON TO BE ACCOMPLISHED OR BEING SUGGESTED.

In a few months' time the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States will assemble at Brooklyn, New York.

Other changes in the constitution of the Church of a somewhat grave character have been suggested by influential representative men of the denomination.

Appearance indicate that the Episcopate will be greatly strengthened in point of numbers, at the General Conference.

Three other questions connected with the Episcopate are likely to come under the consideration of the General Conference.

Another question relating to the Episcopate before the Methodist public of the United States is connected with colour.

A third question bearing on the Episcopate is that connected with the management of the Foreign Missions of the Church.

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large the districts of which they take the oversight, and change the character of some of the duties devolved upon them.

But we must close here with the remark that the signs of movement and progression and of the prevalence of a desire that the Methodist Episcopal Church should be maintained in the highest possible state of efficiency, are numerous and manifest in the recognized organs of Methodist thought in the United States.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Deaths of Sir John Burgoyne—Sir R. Marchion, and Mr. Babbage—The Shutting up of Cremona, and the United Kingdom Alliance—The health of the Queen—Mr. Gladstone at Greenwich, and his supporters in Parliament.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Three distinguished men have recently been removed by death and amid many stirring events now transpiring, the press has found ample space for fitting tributes of respect to their memory and deeds.

Sir John Burgoyne died at a very advanced age, and full of honor. His services in the army date far back, and into the earlier part of the present century.

Sir Roger Murchison also died at a full and ripe age. His career began in the army, and for many years he gained the reputation of a true and able officer.

Mr. Charles Babbage a distinguished mathematician, has also recently passed away. This able and laborious scholar has lived many years in comparative isolation and obscurity.

The Licensing question is again under discussion, and receives attention from many quarters. The magistrates of Middlesex have recently exercised their power and withheld licenses in a few cases.

The health of the Queen of England has been a topic of much public interest and frequency of comment. The most extravagant stories have obtained currency and wild rumours at times have freely circulated.

Mr. Gladstone has been making a great speech to his constituents at Greenwich. It was looked forward to with intense anxiety by both friends and foes of the Liberal Government, and was supposed to be a crucial test of the ability and popularity of Her Majesty's first Minister.

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MOUNT ALLISON COLLEGE AND ACADEMIES.

MR. EDITOR.—Your correspondent has lately been permitted to witness a portion of the examinations and the closing exercises of the first term of the Academic year.

From personal observation and from the testimony of thoroughly competent witnesses it would appear that the past term's work has been successful in all the departments.

The reports of Mr. President Allison, Principal Inch and their excellent co-adjuvants showed a total attendance of one hundred and thirty six students of these fifty four were in connection with the classes of each of the Academies, and twenty eight in the College.

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As merely scholastic institutions these stand on an equality with any of their grade in the Dominion. While in many respects they have a decided superiority. The close and home-like associations which prevail—the increased facilities for comfortable residence—the careful moral supervision should have their proper weight with the parents and guardians of our Methodist youth and others.

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Dalhousie College Circular.

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Miscellaneous.

THE PROVINCIAL BUILDING SOCIETY OF SAINT JOHN, N. B.

To the EDITOR OF THE PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN.—RAY and PUGH, St. John. You will greatly oblige by placing the following remarks in the columns of your interesting Paper.

I feel assured that many of your readers will be greatly interested to know that the progress this Society is making is so very satisfactory. As an "Investment Fund" and a complete arranged "Savings Fund" it greatly surpasses the old-fashioned Institutions known as "Savings Banks."

Money invested periodically on shares is compounded monthly at six per cent, thus affording to every prudent individual an opportunity of laying up for the future, at the same time gaining all the advantages that money possesses in an open market; and that without the shadow of a risk.

Of Harper's Weekly for the present week 500,000 copies have been ordered. One house—the American News Company—ordered considerably over 50,000 copies; the American News Company—ordered considerably over 40,000 copies; the New England News Company, whose place of business is Chicago, ordered from the ruins of their office 30,000 copies.

For some time past the circulation of Harper's Weekly has been steadily and rapidly increasing that the publishers have been unable to keep up with the demand, and on a number of occasions have not been able to fill the actual orders received for it.

This success of Harper's Weekly is an evidence of the manner in which the American people appreciate true courage and independence in a journal. The Weekly has made incessant war upon the Tammany Ring, regardless of the fact that its course procured its publishers the enmity of the corrupt leaders among the Democrats, who took their revenge, not only in this city, but in California and elsewhere, by excluding the excellent school-books of Messrs. Harper from the common schools.

Harper's Magazine is only second in its circulation to Harper's Weekly. Its regular monthly sales now reach over 150,000 copies.

The low prices at which, in these days, the best productions of artists and writers are furnished to the public is curiously shown by such a journal as Harper's Weekly. If we count the Weekly with the Supplement which is now regularly given, each number contains the equivalent of 88 pages of Harper's Magazine, or of an octavo volume of 300 or 400 pages printed in type. And yet this magnificent work, illustrated by the ablest and most popular artists, is sold for ten cents. Only a very large circulation could remunerate a publisher for such an outlay as is represented in the pictures, editorials, tales, and other literary matter of every number of Harper's Weekly.

It is certainly an extraordinary fact that, reckoning the population of the United States at 40,000,000, and the combined circulation of Harper's Weekly and Magazine at 100,000, it would seem that one in every hundred of the population actually buys either the Magazine or the Weekly. What an immense education it affords to the people! And how fortunate for the country that this great influence is in the hands of able, conscientious, and patriotic men!

THE AWARD.

The award of the arbitrators in the matter of the New Provincial Building is as below.

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