



OUR HOME CIRCLE.

THE INNER CALM.

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm, While these hot breezes blow; Be like the night dove's cooling balm Upon earth's fevered brow.

STRUGGLES OF A YOUNG PREACHER.

The next year John P. Durbin was sent to the Greenville work, then quite isolated. It was generally understood that if he did not develop more promisingly during this year he would not be given work afterward.

his friend, and gave his assent. Brother Eddy encouraged him in a most judicious manner. John then sought his mother, who was on the ground, and told her what was expected of him.

ly carried away on the tide of beauty, and exclaimed, "Bless God!" Patting him again on the arm, brother Eddy repeated, "I can pay the cost. I can pay the cost, brother Sale!"

THE "BEST HAND ON THE FARM." Up with the birds in the early morning— The dew drop glows like a precious gem; Beautiful tints in the skies are dawning.

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU.

Go to God himself, and ask for the calling of God; for, as certainly as he has a plan or calling for you, he will some how guide you into it.

THE JOY OF DECISION.

"Do you dance?" we asked a young miss. "I do not dance now," she said. For a long time I danced. My conscience opposed it.

ROMANISM IN ITALY.

A recent volume furnishes the following description of the religion of the poor people of Italy: "Between the knife-blade and the fist they pray to the Madonna.

SELECTING A PASTOR BY CHANCE.

The selection of a minister by the Mennonites who worship at Weaverland, Pa., a few days ago, was an occasion of intense interest in the neighborhood.

HOW THE CHAIRS WERE BOUGHT.

Our primary school meets in a separate room from the main school, and, until recently, we had nothing but the ordinary growl-fork chairs for the little ones to sit on.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

Who made all things? God made all things in earth and sky. From worms that creep to clouds that fly.

STICK TO YOUR BUSH.

One day when I was a lad, a party of boys and girls were going to a distant pasture to pick whortle-berries. I wanted to go with them but was fearful my father would not let me.

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THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1884.

AT HAND.

On Sunday, June 1st, in accordance with recent legislation, the union of the several bodies of Methodists in the Dominion, Newfoundland and Bermuda will take place.

That Sabbath should be "an high day." That no such wonderful ecclesiastical movement has ever taken place in Canada is admitted by men of all classes.

Fervent prayer and hearty praise on that auspicious coming day, should be offered in all our tabernacles. There will no doubt be some friction in the adjustment of positions and the development of plans.

THE AMERICAN GENERAL CONFERENCE. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has now been in session nearly half its allotted time.

The late years of Charles Reade, the deceased novelist and dramatist, were marked by a distinct acceptance of the Gospel. Robert Buchanan says that he "accepted with noble simplicity and humility the full promise of the Christian faith."

The Annual Camp-meeting at Berwick will be commenced at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, July 2nd. Arrangements have been made by the managers to have the grounds fenced in.

By recent advices from the West we learn that the Rev. Dr. Rice has been, and still is, seriously ill. We trust that in answer to many fervent prayers he will soon be restored to health.

The London Times says in reference to the plea of the dullness of the ordinary Sunday: "If the dullness complained of is part of the price we pay for a Sunday free from toil, the working man is assuredly well advised in consenting to pay the price rather than run the risk of losing his day of rest."

In Cincinnati, where the influence of the saloon turned justice into a farce and resulted in the recent terrible riots, a man was hanged the other day. This was the first instance of the execution of a white man in the county for seventeen years.

The reference in the call of the Fredericton District Meeting to page 240, Journal of the General Conference, should be to page 173.

THE REVISED OLD TESTAMENT.

The revision of the Old Testament will soon be given to the public. The constant aim of the translators has been to reproduce the meaning of the original as closely and accurately as possible.

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I hope for a resurrection, not from any power in nature, but from the will of the Lord God omnipotent, who made nature and me. He created man out of nothing; which nature could not. He can restore man from the dust, which nature cannot.

A question of some interest has lately been decided in the Cape Coast courts. The English governor of that African colony had thought fit to call in question the validity of marriages by Wesleyan ministers, thus throwing a doubt upon the lawfulness of the great majority of marriages in the colony.

Temperance is everywhere becoming a "live question." A leading New York paper describes the present feeling of the American people in regard to the liquor traffic as a national awakening of conscience.

The Western Christian Advocate, of Cincinnati, one of our most valued exchanges, has just entered upon the second half-century of its existence.

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state that they asked for gifts, not loana. Joseph's many-colored "coat" will be a "tunic." The celebrated passage in the Book of Job, "Yet in my flesh shall I see God," will be changed to "Yet out of my flesh," etc. "Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet," will read: "I will make judgment for a line, and righteousness for a plummet."

BAY ROBERTS, N. F.

From the above place the Rev. E. Taylor sends cheering tidings as follows:— We have had a gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on this circuit, and many have turned to the Lord.

Beginning with one penitent at the prayer-meeting in the new church, after the regular service on the first Sabbath in March, we have continued our meetings for six weeks, having had, on one night during that period, sixteen front pews occupied by sixty persons seeking the Lord.

This is one of the towns that a few years ago was "boomed," and it is now suffering from the reaction. "To be or not to be," is now the vital question—whether it is better to bonus a railway to the tune of fifty thousand dollars and thus infuse something of its former vigor into its present prospects, or let it take its chance with those more favourably situated beside a railway.

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church, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The service was a memorable one. Having preached on the subject, all intending to commune were requested to stand, when they rose and sang with fervor, "Sweeping through the gates washed in the blood of the Lamb." On the occasion before the revival, we had thirteen communicants present; now, one hundred and thirty persons surrounded the table, and commemorated the dying love of Jesus, and for the first time, in this solemn, and sacred ordinance pledged themselves to the Lord.

Throughout the whole of the meetings, I have been much assisted by my esteemed friend, Dr. Chisholm, of the Presbyterian Church, who has taken a lively interest in the work, preaching frequently, with great acceptance; and rendering good service to enquirers in the after-meetings as well. Several other efficient laymen also contributed their part in helping on the work.

NELSON, MAN.

From this place the Rev. W. W. Colpitts writes on the 18th ult. to the Wesleyan.

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