





OUR HOME CIRCLE.

BREAKING THE NEWS. The sunshine on the kitchen floor was darkened. Through the kitchen door came Lucy, quick as feet could run...

THE SECRET OF THE LORD.

The following is a chapter from "Memorials of Isaac Marsden," a recently-deceased English local preacher. The book should be in every Methodist home...

the parcels in the cart, and it was a work of considerable difficulty to drag his helpless form into the house. As this extraordinary prayer was being offered, he glanced at the door, and would have given his last sixpence if he could have escaped...

they would not believe me when I assured them I had never said a word to him on the subject. I was as much amazed as any of them at the accuracy, power, and pathos of his prayers. If he had known them all his life, he could not have described them more perfectly...

who seldom spoke without oaths and curses, looked up into the preacher's face, and with tears in his eyes said, 'Master, pray for me.' 'No,' said he, 'pray for yourself.' 'I can't,' said the poor penitent. 'But you must,' said the preacher...

and 59 women between 50 and 55. Seventy men and 20 women were married who were over 55 and under 60. The bridegrooms over 60 years of age and under 65 numbered 45 and the brides 8. The bridegrooms over 65 and under 70 numbered 10, and the brides 2...

head, above seventeen boys and girls, all older than himself. I then turned round and wrote the word on the black-board so that they might all see how it was spelled, and learn it better. But no sooner had I written it than the little boy at the head cried out, 'O, I didn't say it so, Miss W—; I said e instead of i,' and he went back to the foot...

KILLED BY A WORM. A gentleman was walking with a friend one day through his beautiful grounds, when they came to a fine large tree that was decayed to the very core. 'That tree,' said the proprietor, 'was destroyed by a single worm. A short time since it was as vigorous as any of its companions...

TRAINING THE MEMORY.

The late Thurlow Weed had a wonderful memory. He retained faces, names, dates and facts. In answer to one who had asked him if he had ever done anything to strengthen his memory, Mr. Weed replied by giving an account of a method which had accomplished two things—it made his wife a confidant, and it developed a surprising memory...

THE LAW OF LOVE.

(2 KING'S IV. 3.) Pour forth the oil—pour boldly forth; It will not fail until Thou findest vessels to provide Which it may largely fill.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

Germany and Russia are both pushing forward experiments in flying machines for use in war or otherwise. It appears that the direction in which these are working is the only one likely to be successful. It ignores the ridiculous inflated gas bag, which is enormous in size, difficult and costly to fill in air, and floats a gigantic derelict—at the mercy of every current of air, a huge mark for the first gunner who can hit and bring it to the ground...

PEOPLE WHO MARRY.

According to the figures compiled by the clerks in the Bureau of Statistics, in 204 out of the total number of 11,085 marriages in 1882, the bridegrooms were under twenty years of age. The number of brides under that age was 2,651. The bridegrooms between 20 and 25 years of age numbered 3,922, the brides 4,662. There were 3,382 men married who were between 25 and 30 years old, and 2,121 women between the same ages...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE LITTLE TETOTALER.

The little birds that fly and sing, So happy, blithe, and free, Are water-drinkers every one—Tetotalers true, like me.

AN HONEST BOY.

In a country school a large class were standing to spell. In the lesson there was a very hard word. I put the word to the scholar at the head, and he missed it; I passed it to the next, and so on through the whole class, till it came to the last scholar—the smallest of the class—and he spelled it right; at least, I understood him so, and he went to the

DONT SELL IT TO THEM.

One day a young man entered the bar-room of a village tavern and called for a drink. "No," said the landlord, "you have had the delirium tremens once, and I cannot sell you any more."

WELL TRAINED.

A Protestant little girl being asked by the priest to attend his religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father's wishes.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL 1, 1883.

SIMON THE SORCERER.

ACTS 8, 14-25.

The apostles which were at Jerusalem—The apostolic body acted organically, so that they must have been still in secret organized and authoritative position.

Samaria had received. This was an important step in advance. Christians before this were merely a Jewish sect, but now, in the reception of the gospel by the Samaritans, it overpassed the limits of Judaism.

They sent unto them. The hatred between Jews and Samaritans was excessive and unrelenting. It would therefore be in the highest degree important that it should be shown to the Church at Jerusalem that these Samaritans, by the agency of the same apostles, were partakers of the same. Peter and John. Peter was sent by the body of apostles. Hence he could not have been chief or primate, as the Romanists assert.

Receive the Holy Ghost—The prayer clearly pointed to such a gift of the power of the Spirit as had been bestowed on the day of Pentecost. Luke speaks not in this place of the common grace of the Spirit, whereby God regenerates us that we may be his children, but of those singular gifts wherewith God would have certain endowed at the beginning of the gospel to beautify the kingdom of Christ.

The restriction of the conveyance of such gifts to the apostles is a very strong presumption in favor of the view that miraculous powers ceased with the generation among whom they survived some on whom the apostles had laid their hands.

Laid... their hands on them—This was part of that miraculous supremacy of the apostles—Christ's own chosen, original, witnessing twelve—which they could not communicate to any fellow, or transmit to any successor.—Receive the Holy Ghost. We have here, as at Caesarea, (chap. 10, 44-48), and at Ephesus, (chap. 19, 5-7), a miniature Pentecost, in which a new inauguration seems to take place by the repetition of the same charismatic effusions, each time under apostolic supervision.

Simon was one of those magicians or sorcerers who were then frequent in the East. It was a period of a great religious crisis; there was a general expectation throughout the East of the advent of some great deliverer; the Messianic notions of the Jews were spread abroad, and hence many impostors, taking advantage of this fact, deceived the people. The Simon of tradition was a native of Cyprus; professed to believe the Oriental philosophy of his day; claimed himself to be an *eon* or emanation from the deity; traveled about with a beautiful prostitute, whom he represented as another divine emanation; aided Felix in seducing Drusilla, the queen of Aeneas; and subsequently came to Rome, where he continued to practice his magic arts, probably until his death. When Simon saw—Its effects were, therefore, visible, and consequently the effect of laying on of the apostles' hands was not the inward but the outward miraculous gifts of the Spirit.—Simon the Magus, intently gazing on Simon the Apostle, sees a work performed on the young Samaritan converts that raises them above themselves. He notes how beautiful and miraculous the results. Through laying on of the apostles' hands—He regarded the capability of imparting the Holy Spirit, rightly as a *derived power*, (see Matt. 10, 1,) but *wrongly*, as one to be obtained by an external method, without an inward disposition, and since in internal commerce every thing may be had for gold, he wanted to buy it. He offered them—Whether he openly proposed to buy, or whether his act was a secret one, in the nature of an attempted bribery, the account does not indicate; the latter supposition is the more inherently probable.

From his name a mercenary traffic in holy things has, through the Christian ages, been called *simony*. Clearly, from the narrative, Simon himself did not receive the Spirit by the laying on of hands. His nefarious attempt to treat with the apostles was before he himself had been presented to them for this purpose. It is probable enough that he was impressed by the sign that Philip wrought; that he felt himself in the presence of a Power above his own; that he accepted Philip's statements as to the death and the resurrection of the Christ. It was such a faith as that of which James speaks, James 2, 14, 19.

Judas sold the Son, Simon would have bought the Holy Ghost.—This is not an anatema with the sense of a consignation of Simon to destruction, for in the next sentence Peter admonishes him to pray for forgiveness.

Repent therefore—A wicked man may pray, and ought to pray.—As bad as Simon Magus was, St. Peter doth not drive him to despair, but directs him to his duty. *It perhaps*—Here evidently a *double* is expressed. Some suppose that Peter here expressed his doubts whether Simon, in desiring to purchase the Holy Ghost, may not have committed the unpardonable sin. Others refer the doubt to Simon's repen-

ance. The sin against the Holy Ghost excludes the idea of forgiveness. Peter here, then, expresses no doubt of God's forgiveness, no limitation of his mercy; but the doubt refers to Simon's repentance, which was hardly to be expected.

In the *gall of bitterness*—The poison of serpents was considered to be seated in their gall; so "the gall of asps is within him," Job 20, 14. *Bond of iniquity*—Hemmed around by habits and principles of iniquity, as if bound fast by a fetter or *bond* from which he cannot energetically even will to escape.

Pray ye the Lord—His conscience reads "between the lines" of Peter's address what was not actually found there. That "if perhaps" is to him as the knell of doom. He prays, not for deliverance from the bond of iniquity, but only from the vague terror of a future penalty. He turns not, as Peter has bidden him, to the Lord, who was ready to forgive, but to a human mediator. Peter must pray for him who has no faith to pray for himself.

A GOOD HINT.

"Rational Dress" is becoming a recognized topic of the day. It is very certain that the interests of the nation demand its careful consideration. Many curious things may be said about what men wear. The mischief, however, is chiefly on the other side of the house. We shall have a word to say about it at an early opportunity. If many of our weakly sisters and delicate mothers would only weigh the clothing which they carry about with them they would be astonished and confounded. John Gilpin's famous bottles strapped with care about his waist would have to be multiplied again and again in order to provide an average weight for a fashionable lady's dress. As for tight-lacing, they deserve it who use it. Some things are only exceedingly stupid, but tight-lacing is exceedingly wicked. Its injurious effects upon health render it a horrible sin. No Christian young lady should allow herself to practice it, any more than she would commit suicide by slow poison. Let her ask any sensible doctor if, through ignorance of the elements of physiology, she counts that there is dangerous evil in the practice.—Methodist Rec.

PRESERVE THE FORESTS.

One of the encouraging signs of the times is the fact that America is waking up to the value of its timber lands. "The lumber interests of the United States, and in fact of the whole world," says the *Southern Lumberman*, "have assumed such important proportions that it is due to the people that our State Governments should establish a series of surveys and investigations, with a view of determining the exact amount of their forest wealth, and that in time the general Government, through its proper department, should publish in statistical form the result of each State's timber resources. While this authentic report would be of great value to commerce, the presence of the botanists and their assistants in every portion of the States and Territories would arouse the people to a sense of the wealth contained in their forest possessions, and would perhaps stimulate them to a more economical use of the timber, and make them more careful about preserving it; at any rate, the timber, its extent, variety and value, should be made known at as early a date as possible."

USEFUL HINTS.

It is easier to grow rhubarb from the seed than to get old roots, as these seldom give satisfaction. A plaster of soft lye-soap and corn meal, if applied in time will cure a felon. Renew the plaster every morning and evening until all soreness has disappeared. Deep clay loams and alluvial soil, with subsoil and surface alike, can hardly be ploughed too deeply. On thin soil do not stir below the available plant food. Napoleon conquered his enemies before they began to organize. The unready is the unsuccessful. Dispatch ends the business before the cautious and dilatory man draws his boots on.

SPRAINS.—Mr. Peter A. Tapp, Barabois, Gaspe, P. Q. says: "About four years ago I got my wrist badly sprained, causing it to be badly swollen, and when I would try to lift any thing in that hand it would become quite powerless and painful. I used different popular medicines without benefit, until I tried Graham's Pain Expectorator, which completely cured me in twenty-four hours." 2in

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INFORMATION.

For Coughs and Colds, use Allen's Lung Balm. See adv. in another column. mar 9 1m

MOTHERS! MOTHERS!! MOTHERS Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle. feby 10

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Another communication from Mr. GEO. SEWELL, dated Moncton, N.B., June 22nd., 1878: J. H. Robinson, Esq. Dear Sir,—I wrote you in May last, informing you of the wonderful cure your "Phosphorated Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lacto Phosphate of Lime" had made in my case, and, at the same time promising to write you from time to time to let you know how I was getting along. I am much better in every way; am stronger; can walk a good long distance without getting tired. Sleep well and eat a hearty meal. In fact I am a new man in every respect, and those who saw me three months ago and see me now, can hardly believe that I am the same person. The above are facts, and believing that ingratitude is one of the unpardonable sins, I feel it a duty to tell you of what, under a kind Providence, your preparation has done for me. Wishing you every success, &c. For sale by Druggists and General Dealers in Canada. Price \$1 per bottle; six for \$5. March 9 1m

GET HIM OUT OF BED.—I was confined to my bed with Rheumatism could not move hand or foot. A clergyman called to see me and advised me to use Minard's Liniment. I did so and in three days was out of bed and resumed my work as well as ever. JAS. LANGILLE. Springfield, Annapolis Co., 1882. mar 2 1m

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THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1883.

THE EASTER SEASON.

The tendency of holy-days to become holidays is evident to any thoughtful observer. So far has this tendency already carried us that the observance of days and seasons is associated in the average mind with customs which, to say the least, are not conducive to piety.

In spite, however, of all this the devout Christian is cheered by the thought that in his private and public worship at this season many hundreds of thousands heartily commemorate with him the great and solemn fact out of which the world's life springs. Careless as to the accordance of the date with the actual event, forgetful of the superstitious purposes for which Good Friday has been used, uninterested quite in the holiday pursuits of their neighbors, they visit in spirit the cross where their Redeemer died, seeming again to see the mountain of sin flow down at his presence; and stand on that Resurrection morning with the women where the stone was rolled back from the sepulchre, the earliest assurance to us of immortality was given, and the world for the first time laid its hand with absolute certainty upon a future life.

"I do especially exhort the ministers of the Gospel," said the Governor of a New England state in a recent fast-day proclamation, "on that day to feed their flocks with the Divine Word and not to discuss upon political and other secular topics which may divert the serious thoughts of the people from the humble worship of the Father." The past record of the official cannot detract from the wisdom of his counsel. We commend it to the ministry of our church. The winter has been fruitful in revivals. Many have made their way to the cross of Christ in trembling penitence, to find that "there is life in a look at the Crucified One."

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The European public is now watching the "Salvation Army" with deep interest. That organization has entered upon a period in which it is likely to be tested "so as by fire." Hitherto it has been received with a degree of favor which in some quarters caused surprise. That it has done much good in several directions none can doubt. Through its influence many have been directly saved from the depths, and through its earnestness the several branches of the Church in Britain, our own included, have evidently been roused to more earnest and aggressive work among the masses.

Such work for a period disarms criticism. Thoroughly earnest men

are generally admired, even when their aims are not of the highest order, but when their professed purpose is to make men better, the world in general, slow as it is to applaud the Master's work, makes not a little allowance for what it deems enthusiasm. In this mood the movements of the "Salvation Army" have been hitherto witnessed. Not a few English Methodist ministers of prominence have espoused the cause of "General" Booth and his co-laborers, and more than one Episcopal Bishop has coquetted with them, because unwilling to venture the repetition of a course which cost—to use mere human language—the Episcopal Church in the last century the loss of Wesley and his numerous followers. Many others, who have had little patience with the music, and marchings, and ridiculous titles and sometimes grotesque actions of the various corps, have nevertheless kept pen and tongue in check lest they might speak lightly of an agency God had blessed.

Any organization of this kind must necessarily outgrow these conditions, if prosperity attends its efforts. The forwarding of detachments to France, India, Switzerland, and South Africa, where they come in contact with a state of society containing elements of opposition which men of comparatively limited experience cannot clearly comprehend, must bring them and keep them before the public. In such circumstances the capacity of an autocratic leader like Mr. Booth must be tested to the utmost. His action in sending to Geneva, as leaders of the movement there, Miss Booth and her secretary, Miss Charlesworth, a daughter of an English Episcopal minister and but sixteen years of age, will challenge attention to his methods. Even though the Swiss authorities may so far comply with the demand of the British minister as to annul the decree for the expulsion from Geneva of these young ladies on the most frivolous pretences, the public will not less question the wisdom of placing young women in a position in which to say the least they have borne themselves with credit.

The French and Swiss missions have called forth from an unexpected quarter a presentation of objections to the Army which must have serious consequences. The unfavorable estimate by that great friend of the English masses, Lord Shaftesbury, has exceeded with regretful surprise; Spurgeon's recent remark that the point beyond which long-suffering charity cannot go was nearly reached, and that it was time somebody spoke, has awakened thought, but the pamphlet from the pen of the Countess Agénor de Gasparin, entitled "Arme—soi-disant—du Salut," now being read everywhere in France and Switzerland, conveys the views of that eminent woman in trenchant style. We give an extract:—

There was even one who anticipated Mr. Booth in calling himself "General"—the General of the Jesuits. If Jesus should descend to us, He would break your trumpets and crush your platforms, tear the epaulettes from the shoulders of your officers, bid your women return to their hearths, follow their domestic duties, cultivate humble virtues, fulfill their feminine mission. Your young girls! Do you believe that Jesus, tearing away their veil of modesty, would expose them on your mountebank's stages and let them make public speeches? Do you believe that He would send them in full uniform braving the fire of questionable gallantries, to sell your pamphlets in the streets of Paris, and make them best tambourines in your bacchanalian processions? Jesus! Do not pronounce His name. Invoked in your theatres, it is a profanation the more.

We are not prepared to endorse all that Madame de Gasparin implies in these words. They teach too much, but if workers among the Parisians and Genevese appropriated to themselves the title of "Death and Glory Girls," as used in reference to the 4th Canadian Corps, Chatham, Ont., we cannot wonder at strong words.

General Booth has shown wisdom in abandoning objectionable processions, but, we fear, has taken a false step in a financial direction. Criticism has affected his coffers. During the last year he has borrowed \$100,000 for building purposes, at heavy rates of interest. To meet his difficulties he asks his friends to use the Army as a bank of deposit and to invest sums there for longer or shorter periods at certain rates. With the past in view, it seems possible that the financial question may do him harm. In the mean time we hope for the best, and remember the wise counsel of Gamaliel.

A WHOLESOME LESSON.

It is difficult for some men to learn that they are not living in the days of their grandfathers. To this class belongs Bishop Coplestone, of the diocese of Colombo, Ceylon, who has just been forcibly reminded by the Imperial Government of the progressiveness of the present age.

"Be courteous" is a scriptural injunction which the bishop is inclined to set at naught, at least where Non-conformists are concerned. An Episcopal teacher, in a school in his diocese controlled by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, was about to marry the daughter of the resident Wesleyan native minister. In accordance with native custom the teacher invited the bishop to be present, and by this act of common courtesy drew from his superior the charge of "impertinence." This however, was not enough; and the teacher received at once the privilege of choice between instant resignation and certain dismissal, only because of his marrying a Methodist in a Methodist church. And, by way of brine to a bleeding back, the bishop added, "I am deeply grieved that you have not had loyalty or courage enough to save you from the wretched fall you contemplate."

British law allows, and very properly, a great degree of personal and ecclesiastical freedom. A man may feel towards others as he pleases, the law only takes cognizance of his words or acts. He may button his coat behind if he thinks best, the only penalty in the comments the public have perfect liberty to make. He may be a Christian gentleman or a narrow-minded bigot, but public opinion alone has to do with him until he passes certain limits. Beyond these limits the Bishop of Colombo, fortunately or unfortunately, saw fit to go, when he used his privilege of franking letters to send the above message stamped "On Her Majesty's Service."

A memorial from the Rev. J. Scott, Superintendent of Methodist missions in South Ceylon, met with little satisfaction from Colonial officials, but correspondence by early post found its way to England and there prompted a question in the House of Commons. The English Government could scarcely believe the statement to be true, but readily acknowledged, that, if true, the ecclesiastic had exceeded his rights, and the Earl of Kimberley at once called upon the Governor of Ceylon to report upon the case and show him copies of all correspondence. A despatch from the Earl of Derby, successor to the Earl of Kimberley at the Colonial Office, gives the sequel. Our friends in Bermuda may be encouraged by this illustration of British fair play to seek from the British Government those rights which Colonial officials in these islands yet dare to withhold. The following is an extract: "The Bishop as the head of a religious body is not responsible to Her Majesty's Government, nor do they claim to exercise any control over his language or his actions. I do not, therefore, desire to take into consideration the contents of the letter in question. But Her Majesty's Government cannot be indifferent to the fact that letters which are not on the public service, and for the contents of which the Colonial Government cannot be in any way answerable, acquire an appearance at least of official sanction when purporting to be carried free by the Government 'On Her Majesty's Service'; and I am of opinion that it is convenient on all grounds that the privilege of franking letters should be confined to those officers over whom and whose official correspondence full control can be exercised. I therefore request you to intimate to the Bishop of Colombo, who should receive a copy of this despatch, that, without expressing any opinion upon the letter of the 19th of May, I am satisfied that the Bishop ought no longer to be included among those who as Government officers, have the privilege of franking letters." The same conclusion is announced in another despatch in reference to Mr. Scott's memorial, in which Earl Derby says: "The Bishop's letter, having no official character and relating to affairs which are not in any way under the control of the Government, I have not thought myself justified in taking cognizance of its contents. You may at the same time inform Mr. Scott that, with a view of making it clear that letters written by the Bishop are not official documents, I have determined that henceforth they shall not be franked nor addressed externally as 'On Her Majesty's Service.'"

The youthful preacher sometimes agreeably—sometimes disagreeably—disappoints the expectations of his early friends. An illustration may be found—of the happier sort—in the life of the late James A. Andrew, a bishop of the M. E. Church, South, whose plan in preaching, as Bishop Pierce remarks, was to "hold to one great leading idea which he made to revolve upon its own axis until every spot was bathed in sunlight," and whose inspiration, in his palmiest days, "used to bear him along quite above the level of common men." A reader of the recent memoir of Bishop Andrew says of this powerful preacher, in the *Richmond Advocate*: "After a hard scuffle, he was recommended, in his nineteenth year, to the South Carolina Conference, but his old friend, John Marks, said to him, after he heard his first sermon: 'James, I voted for you to be a preacher, but if I had heard that sermon I wouldn't have done it.' But, as Dr. Adam Clarke said of himself, 'something broke in him,' and light poured in and flooded his mind and filled his heart. In a few brief years he was at the top of the ladder—the great preacher and the popular and beloved Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

On our table is the First Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada. A glance at it ought to convince any brother that his fears as to the management of such work by the "Sisters" are without a shadow of foundation. For the present year Mrs. Jas. Gooderham, of Toronto, is President; Mrs. S. F. Huestis, of Halifax, Vice-President. At the first annual meeting the following appropriations were reported: Crosby Girls' Home, \$800; McDougall Orphanage, \$415; French Missions \$400; Japan, \$1300. Since that meeting the first lady missionary, Miss Cartmell, of Ontario, has been sent into the Japanese work. An interesting letter from Miss Cartmell was read by Mrs. Allison on Wednesday evening in Grafton St. Church. Branches have been formed in the Maritime Provinces, in the Halifax North, the Halifax South and St. Stephen circuits. From the first of these \$140, including a special donation of \$50, had been forwarded; from the second \$210, including a special donation of \$100 from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Starr; and from St. Stephen \$13. Mr. J. Wesley Smith, of this city, has become responsible for the maintenance of one pupil at the Crosby Girls' Home.

Rev. W. Scott, Superintendent of our French and Indian Missions in the Province of Quebec, has published a "Report relating to the affairs of the Oka Indians made to the General Superintendent of Indian Affairs." In this report Mr. Scott decides in favor of the Seminary, and advises the removal of the Okas—with some pecuniary consideration—and the discontinuance of the Methodist mission at Oka. Mr. Scott's appearance as an apologist for the oppressors of the Indians has called forth strong comments from Protestants of that Province. The *Christian Guardian* thinks that in popular phrase, he has "given us away," and the officials of a Montreal Methodist church have passed a resolution strongly condemnatory of his action. We have hitherto been at variance with the views maintained by Mr. Scott, and while men who have given years of study to the question hold the conviction that on every point of equity and honor the Indians have a right to the lands at Oka on which they have lived for four generations, it is not strange that we should continue to differ in opinion with him.

Joseph Cook says: "When I was in London I took much pains to ascertain exactly the facts as to the experience of British life assurance societies in making a distinction between moderate drinkers and total abstainers. Every one knows, or ought to know, that for nearly half a century now many of the best life assurance societies of England have insured moderate drinkers in separate sections, and that a bonus has been paid to the section made up of total abstainers of seven, thirteen, seventeen, and in some cases twenty-three per cent. over that paid the section of moderate drinkers. Here is a commercial view of the largest philanthropic significance."

Complaints reach us in reference to an advertisement of "Beatty's Organs." An agent reports the loss of subscribers through this cause, and a gentleman of this city, who saw a similar advertisement in the *N. Y. Witness*, and was led to make a purchase for a public institution, condemns the concern. Good offers have been declined by the publisher of this paper, because he believed certain advertisements to be worthless, but the insertion in papers of the highest character of the one now condemned led him to accept it. Hereafter such advertisements will be declined.

In some homes it is yet the fashion to color eggs and present them to friends at Easter. This was originally in allusion to the Resurrection, and the eggs were given in their natural state; afterwards, however, the custom of ornamenting them arose; and great expense and skill were bestowed upon them. Some were painted with and without upon a gold ground, the halves being joined together with ribbons.

Sometimes the last becomes the first. In Nova Scotia a lottery on an extensive scale took place unchecked by law; in Ontario the publisher of a paper has been fined for giving publication to a notice of one to take place; but in Italy the Minister of Finance, replying to some parties desirous of holding a lottery at the coming Exposition at Turin, has declared that he would not authorize lotteries for any purpose.

The first number of the *Hebrew Christian*, of which Rev. Jacob Freshman, Pastor of the Hebrew Christian Congregation, New York, is editor, has been forwarded. It is a neatly printed sheet. The Union discussion prevented an intended notice of Mr. Freshman's work in our columns. We rejoice in his prosperity and wish him success in his new venture.

MISSION CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

We desire to call the attention of all the lovers of the cause of God to the above-named Fund, which has been formed for the express purpose of assisting the cause of Methodism in Manitoba and the North West Territories. The late Rev. Edward Morrow, with characteristic forethought and prevision, saw the coming wants of Methodism in that country, and donated a certain portion of his property for this purpose, which by rapid rise in values will now bring into the Fund about \$10,000. The organization of the Relief and Extension Fund contemplated some aid in the same direction, and there will be about \$6,000 available for this object. Several gentlemen who have travelled extensively in the North West, have become so impressed with the growing needs and pressing claims at many points, that they have promised to contribute liberally. One brother in Toronto promises the handsome sum of \$5,000 provided a total of \$50,000 is raised, and five friends in Manitoba have subscribed \$1,000 each.

Now we earnestly desire the Methodist public of this Dominion, young and old, to take this matter into their prayerful consideration, and give as God may enable them. We do not want to interfere with any other fund or object of charity that may press upon the church, but so many have made money in buying and selling in the North West, that we think, if for no other reason, this should stimulate them to help in this good work. Besides a dollar vested now will do more good than five times the amount five years hence. We must go up and possess that land. The sons and daughters of the older Provinces are thronging into that country; they have been used to all the privileges of the church, and will feel the need of them in that strange land. They are quite willing to do all in their power, but cannot, unaided, undertake the work they see needs to be accomplished.

The cry is going up from prairie cabins, "Send us the Gospel. Without it we perish; without it we cannot hope to prosper either temporally or spiritually. Aid us now in getting on our feet, and soon we will be strong enough to help ourselves and aid others."

Dear reader, could you have been with us as we travelled over that great country and attempted to grasp its actualities and possibilities, and had seen how eager people were for the Gospel, and how they appreciated a sermon, your heart would have been stirred to its deepest depths, and you would have exclaimed, "God helping me, they shall have my sympathies, prayers, and money." By your love for Christ, by your remembrance of past mercies and present blessings, by your realization of how little you deserve in comparison with what you enjoy, and in consideration of the positive joy that comes from cheerful and liberal giving, act in this matter, and act promptly. We call upon you to lift up your eyes and "look upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Consider the unlimited opportunities in a new country where

the population is increasing with unparalleled rapidity. The little churches we are planting in new communities are small beginnings that cannot fail to grow, as the country develops, into large churches. "Now is the accepted time;" the spring time in the history of the great North West. The soil is good, let us scatter the seed; it will bring thirty, sixty, or a hundred fold. We ourselves will soon be gone. What shall the next generation find where we have labored? Remember, "he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto eternal life; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Remember, *the money is needed now.* Already the applications are coming from many points desiring aid, and we have not the funds at hand to aid them all.

We have decided not to make "Grants" or "Gifts" to any object till the committee is properly organized, but to loan about 1/4 of the total cost of building (provided the balance is in a fair way of being paid), for a period not exceeding five years, at 5 per cent. interest, with proper security and assignment of insurance policy. We expect all borrowers will meet all engagements promptly, according to their agreements, as we hope to carry on the fund on business principles, and keep everything in good shape. Some of the liberal givers have suggested the propriety of adding a "Special Loan Fund," so that all sums contributed specially shall be used as a perpetual loan fund and no part ever spent for current expenses, and that sums of \$3,000 and over contributed by any person or persons, church, district or conference, may be named by the contributors and shall constitute a separate Loan Fund, and the treasurer shall report annually the investment thereof and the work accomplished thereby. This plan has worked most satisfactorily in the Methodist Church in the United States. Permit us to give an example, only one of many. Two gentlemen gave \$18,000 in 1869, which has been kept loaned out, and to-day it amounts to \$46,405.67, and 91 churches have borrowed from this fund alone, showing the great increase and wide spread blessings of this single subscription. The total of their "named funds" to January last was \$108,713. Interest accumulated amounts to \$140,799, making a working loan fund of almost one-third of a million of dollars, loaned on 650 churches at \$3,000,000. It has also been suggested that any person desiring to contribute any sum to be loaned in Ontario, Quebec, or the Maritime Provinces can do so, and the committee will see to the investment of the same for the benefit of the Conference or Province named, and report all such investments annually, and possibly by the next General Conference the way may be open for the organization of a General Loan Fund for the Methodist Church of Canada.

This circular will be sent to all our Ministers, who will please present the object and aim of this fund to their respective churches in the way they may think best. Persons reading this circular need not wait to be called on for a subscription, but can send the amount, or any intimation of the amount and the time of payment, to the Treasurers. All sums will be acknowledged in the *Guardian*, and a report will be sent to every contributor.

Forms of Application for Aid will be sent in the meantime to the Chairmen of all the Districts in Manitoba and the North-West (not including the Indian work.)

Address all communications to THE SECRETARY OF THE C. & P. AID FUND, METHODIST MISSION ROOMS, TORONTO, and make cheques payable to the order of the Treasurers as under. GEO. YOUNG, D. D., Sup't of Missions in N. W. A. SUTHERLAND, D. D., JOHN N. LAKE, Treasurers. Toronto, Feb. 20 '83.

AN EXPLANATION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—In a recent issue of the *Wesleyan* a correspondent—"Surprise"—made certain criticisms on communications sent by Rev. R. Duncan and myself.

It may relieve "Surprise" to know that there are a few points of difference between "the blundering action" of the St. John Preachers' meeting and the course pursued by the St. Stephen District Convention. 1st. The one was a meeting composed wholly of preachers; the other was a meeting open equally to the laymen and ministers. 2nd. The Preachers' Meeting by preamble to Resolutions said "Whereas the Basis of Union has been submitted to us for approval &c." The District Convention knew that the Basis had not been sent to it for any such purpose.

3rd. The Preachers' Meeting implying that it had the authority of General Conference for so doing expressed its condemnation of the Basis. The District Convention, free from such foolish imaginations as to constitutional power on this subject, expressed, nevertheless, its approval of the scheme.

If "Surprise" has that keen insight which he gives himself credit for, he will be able to perceive the differences pointed out and may think that others as well as himself regard "consistency" as a "jewel."

A. LUCAS. India has only two native churches which are more than fifty years old, and both of them are self-supporting.



GENERAL CONFERENCE.

TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

Toronto, 2nd March, 1883. The Transfer Committee of the Eastern Conferences will meet in Sackville, N.B., on Wednesday, April 25th., 1883, at 7 p. m. Ministers who have been provisionally transferred, and any minister whose transfer may be desired, will please see that the provisions of the Discipline are complied with, and notice forwarded to me before the last day of this month.

S. D. RICE, President.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS.

HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Deputation appointed by Conference: Rev. J. Latham, J. S. Coffin, and for Bermuda Rev. A. W. Nicolson. Arrangements as to time and additional speakers are left to each circuit.

F. H. W. PICKLES, Fin. Sec'y.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Basis accepted unanimously, Middle Musquodoboit, Windsor, Midland.

Amherst, -6 for Basis, 2 against, 2 silent. Resolution against Gen. Supt., taking part in Annual Conference.

Warren, -Basis rejected. Caledonia, -In favor 6, against 1, silent 1.

Canning, -For 6, silent 1. Yarmouth, South, -A tie vote. Onalow, -4 in favor, 2 against, 2 silent.

N. B. AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

Accepting unanimously, -Tryon, -P. E. Island.

Point de Bute, -7 in favor of Basis, 7 against, 1 silent.

The above are all the circuits from which reports have yet reached us.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. O. Ruggles, M.A., of Kentville, has undertaken the work of collector for an endowment fund for King's college.

Last week Mr. T. M. Lewis was laid aside by illness in Chester. He was feeling the effects of over-work when he left the city. We hope the delay will be but temporary.

We have learned with deep regret of the decease of Dr. Publicover, of Truro. A brief memorial came too late for its proper place this week. To the youthful widow, and other friends, we tender our hearty sympathy.

It is reported that Prof. Weldon, Ph. D. of Mount Allison, has accepted a nomination to the chair of International and Constitutional Law at Dalhousie, recently endowed by Mr. George Munro, of New York. Prof. Weldon will no doubt prove himself a worthy occupant of that position.

On Tuesday, Rev. W. Ryan, of Aylesford, wrote us: "Mrs. Ryan went to be with Christ at eleven o'clock this morning." A bright fact, as seen from the other side, but how keen to the sorrowing husband and children, and the friends of the deceased lady in her pleasant Bermudian home! May God comfort them with his "uncommon consolation."

But two or three weeks ago we recorded the death in New Brunswick of Miss White, another Bermudian, a member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. White, of Hamilton, in whose pleasant home the editor of this paper has often rested at the close of a Sabbath's toil. They too have precious hope.

LITERARY, &c.

The Life of Alfred the Great (T. Woolmer, London), is one of a series of unpretentious but useful and cheap books. The subject is one of the class of men worth reading about, and the narrative is told in pleasant style.

The Gospel According to Moses, or the Import of Sacrifice in the Ancient Jewish Service, by W. W. Washburne, A. M., (Walden and Stowe, Cincinnati), will be found helpful to the general Bible reader or Sabbath-school teacher, as it is the result of the study of works not usually accessible to these. Its perusal would be likely to throw a new light not only upon the altar of Jewish worship, but upon the Cross of Calvary.

Funk and Wagnalls, 10 & 12, Dey St., N. Y., are adding a new volume each fortnight to their "Standard Library." Their last issue is "Plutarch and Jettam," by Thomas G. Bowles, which so high an authority as the London Saturday Review regards as "an amusing and readable - a successful book." The first edition is over twenty thousand. The demand for the previous volumes has been immense. For Lives of Illustrations Shoemakers the advance orders were over 15,000. Of the Life of Cromwell alone thirty thousand copies have been printed. The other volumes of the series are likely to reach that large number.

The Man of the House is written by "Pansy," and published by D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. Anything from Pansy's pen is good. This is one of the most fascinating stories by that

graceful writer, and is calculated to exert a powerful influence for good upon the minds of young readers. The hero is a faithful, honest boy, who in his search for work has to withstand a good many temptations. How he withstood all attempts to lead him astray, how he fought off temptation, how he worked his way to honorable success is graphically and interestingly told. The book has fifty full-page illustrations.

The Wesleyan Methodist Magazine for March is a good specimen of a widely-known periodical issued from our English Methodist Book-room. This number has among leading contents: God a Sun and Shield; Dr. Pusey; The Soldier Christian; The Merry Oasia; Missions of the American Methodist Episcopal Church; Among the Sick and Sinful, etc., from a high class of contributors.

Methodism and Literature is edited by F. A. Archibald, D. D., and published by Walden and Stowe, Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati. This volume is a series of papers by the Editor and numerous contributors. Dr. Hunt gives a chapter on the Methodist Book Concern; Dr. Walden, another on the Circulation of our Literature; Dr. Edwards tells Why Methodism Prints; Mrs. Henry describes the Relation of our Church Literature to Temperance work, and in other chapters the relation of our literature to the general work of the Church receives wise treatment. The catalogue of books for a Church Library has been prepared by the Editor. The volume will prove a useful handbook to those who wish to know something of the range of Methodist literature.

A CORRECTION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, - Allow me to express my deep regret to Mr. Gaetz, if, by giving him credit for voting in favor of "Union" at the General Conference, I did him any harm. I now find on no less authority than that of Leonard Gaetz, himself that he opposed union then as he has done ever since. This statement may be regarded by Mr. Gaetz as so much ancient history but it is "history," not withstanding. It serves also to confirm my position that Mr. Gaetz in his letter on Union, which appeared first in the Guardian and was afterward at his own request copied by the Wesleyan, was discussing a dead issue - the principle of Union having been adopted by the General Conference months before the date of his communication. Whether "Jonah swallowing the whale" be a more classical expression than the one in my letter, quoted by Mr. G. readers of your paper can judge.

ROBERT DUNCAN.

U. S. METHODISM.

We take this synopsis of the Statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church from the N. Y. Independent. Our readers will remember that no account is here taken of Southern Methodism. The Methodist Episcopal Church reports for 1882 a gain of nearly 35,000 members and probationers. The magnificent total is now 1,748,021 of whom 175,844 are probationers and 1,582,177 members. The net gain in probationers is 16,080; in members 18,837. The number of deaths was 22,377. There are 18,152 churches, a gain of 256, valued at \$65,467,032, a loss of \$744,619. Of the travelling preachers, 171 died; 116 "located," as against 43 in 1881; 1,837 are on trial; 1,432 are classed as superannuated, and 913 as supernumerary, leaving 8,675 ranked as "effective." There is a decrease of 235 in the "effective" list, and of 15 in the whole list in conference, not including those on trial and those located. Of local preachers there are 11,907, a decrease of 295. The Sunday-schools, 20,901 in number, have decreased by 106, but there is a gain of 31,351 in scholars, the total being 1,629,358. The annual conferences now number 99, the annual conferences in the finances of the Church there has been an increase in every item save one, the collection for the Sunday-school Union. There was raised for missions \$624,186, besides \$107,673 collected by the W. F. M. S.; for church extension, \$110,900; Tract Society, \$15,320; Sunday-school Union, \$16,991; Freedmen's Aid Society, \$56,808; Education, \$49,039; Bible Society, \$29,209; for ministerial support, \$6,995,860; conference claimants \$167,693; current expenses, Sunday-schools, \$1,847,596.

A HIGH CHURCH SENSATION.

Considerable excitement was created in church circles to-day, says a Cleveland, Ohio, despatch to the Boston Herald, by the publication in one of the city papers of a rather sensational article regarding the pronounced departure of a ritualistic Episcopal church in admitting the Roman Catholic functions of confession and the power to grant absolution. The church referred to is the Grace Episcopal church, the congregation of which is one of the most wealthy and aristocratic in the city, and its rector, Rev. George W. Hinkle, is a prominent high churchman. It is stated that he has recently become known to his communicants as Fr. Hinkle, and has assumed the right to listen to a recital of sins committed, and, upon a proper spirit of repentance on part of the sinner, to grant absolution for the same. Fr. Hinkle has been rector of Grace church for several years, and attires himself in the distinguishing costume of the Catholic clergy. His pastorate has been marked for pronounced ritualistic tendencies, Catholic forms and ceremonies in his services, and adorning the chancel of the church with an array of candles and crucifixes.

FLOODS IN THE WEST.

The Indianapolis committee in charge of supplies for the sufferers on the Ohio River, south of Evansville, returned home on Saturday. They report great suffering and sickness nearly all the river towns. At New Franklin, Ind., a village of nearly 120 inhabitants, thirty were destitute, fifteen sick and two deaths. The disease was pneumonia. In Uniontown, Ky., population 1,500, nearly every body suffered; fifty are destitute. In Shawneetown, Ill., 1,500 people are destitute, depending on the public for provisions and medicines; one hundred and twenty-five are sick, twenty-four have died of pneumonia, catarrhal fever, and dysentery. The latter disease has almost reached an epidemic stage. About 125 houses have been swept away or damaged. At least 700 persons are liable to disease. At Caseyville, Ill., where no relief had been furnished, there were 45 cases of sickness, mostly typhoid fever, and one death. One hundred houses had been under water. Half of them were ruined. Rose Clair, Ill., had been entirely covered by water. The committee found a family of ten persons, the father and mother sick, living in an engine room of an old saw mill. New Liberty, Ill., had been entirely submerged, and sickness to an alarming extent prevailed. This information is obtained from reputable physicians and agents of the Board of Trade and Relief Committee of Indianapolis, sent with supplies. Governor Porter and a committee of the Board of Trade are now on an inspecting tour from Lawrenceburg and Cairo, on the Ohio River, with a boat load of provisions. Shawneetown, Ill., has perhaps suffered more than any other place on the Ohio River of the same size. - Western Christian Adv. 14th.

METHODIST NOTES.

J. Johnson reports the first-fruits of his labor as an agent on the Welford circuit, in the restoration and conversion of a good number of the people.

The Recording Steward of the Restigouche circuit writes that the Rev. S. C. Wells has been unanimously requested to return there for another year.

From Sussex Vale, Mr. A. P. Taylor writes: "I have just closed the fifth week of special services at Mark-amville, Kings Co., with considerable success. The people seem hungry for the Gospel. Out of a congregation of sixty, fifty have been up for prayer, a number of whom profess conversion."

At Tryon the good work is progressing gloriously. Fifty-six persons were received into church fellowship, on the evening of the 11th. The work is reaching and subduing all classes and ages. Three adults were baptized in the church on the evening of reception; one man advanced in life, who with his son and two daughters united with the church. Mr. Teed expects to receive a number more in a short time.

The recent Quarterly meeting of the Halifax South circuit was a very pleasant one. An extensive revival called forth warm expressions of gratitude. The superintendent, Rev. J. J. Teasdale, was invited to return for the third year. Mr. Batty, from England in the autumn, was unanimously recommended as a candidate for the ministry, and a unanimous vote passed asking for his re-appointment to Cobourg Road mission, his present field.

Rev. W. Ryan reports from Aylesford: "We held extra meetings at Margaretville for three weeks with encouraging success. A number were converted and the Church greatly blessed. Now for three weeks we have been holding extra meetings at North Kingston, where there is a very good work in progress. This week Mrs. Ryan's illness has forced me to remain at home, but my place has been well filled by our dear Bro. Taylor, who is ever active and ever ready to serve the Master and help a brother."

ABROAD.

The Wesleyan Methodists sustain regular preaching in ninety-six preaching places in Italy.

The English Wesleyan Conference of 1883 will be held in Hull. A large general committee to make arrangements has held its first sitting already.

It is stated that some members of the Methodist Conference in India, and delegates to the Decennial Conference at Calcutta, travelled as much as 2,098 miles to attend their appointments.

Rev. R. N. Davies, in charge of Decatur district, Central Illinois, reports: -The revival work of Brother Harrison in this city rolls on without any check, or decrease. On the contrary, it is steadily widening, deepening, and gathering increasing volume.

Rev. J. M. Trimble, in an unostentatious manner, has, from time to time, been contributing to the funds of the Ohio Wesleyan University. His last gift, of ten thousand dollars, received a few days since, makes the entire amount over forty thousand dollars, besides many valuable books, and a large amount of gratuitous service.

The Methodist Board, in speaking of the Cambridge Girls' Local examinations, remarks: "It is satisfactory to find that our Methodist schools occupy a good place in the lists. It

is a remarkable fact that the candidates from Wintersdorf, Southport, and Dunheved College, Lunceston, who, with the Queenswood girls, obtain the highest honors gained by Methodist schools at the examinations, are Wesleyan ministers' daughters.

GENERAL RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The Church of England Salvation Army has been very successful in the West of London. The Portcullis Hall, Regency Street, has been thronged every night.

The Presbyterians organized a mission church in Rio Janeiro in 1862, and now have thirty-two churches in the empire, with a total of 1,729 members, most of them converts from Romanism.

It is stated that about 30,000 attended the Moody and Sankey meetings in Belfast, and that the aggregate attendance at all the meetings reached 80,000. There were about 2,500 "inquirers" of whom 1,200 professed to have obtained mercy.

Eight evangelical periodicals are published in Italy, three of which are monthly and five weekly. Of the eight three are published at Florence, one at Rome, one at Venice, one at Naples, another at Palermo, and the eighth at Pomerio, in the Valleys of Piedmont.

One of the noblest workers of the age is Miss Leigh, known as the "English-woman's good angel in Paris." Ten years ago she established in that city a home for friendless young women; from this has grown an orphanage, a church and parsonage, a mission hall, a Young Women's Christian Association, a Young Men's institute, a free registry, a kindergarten and infant school and a sanitarium.

GLEANINGS, &c.

THE DOMINION.

The Grand Orange Lodge was in session last week in Woodstock. It has 83 Lodges under its jurisdiction.

A fire at Liverpool on Wednesday, destroyed sixteen buildings. The total loss is \$15,600.

A very extensive revival is reported from Bermuda under the preaching of Rev. E. P. Hammond and the several pastors.

A number of steamboat owners and other business men in Quebec and Levis have petitioned the Government to abolish the import duty on coal.

Messrs. Elder and Ritchie, leading members of the N. B. Government, were elected by acclamation on Friday.

Steady cold weather and deep snow have seriously lessened the quantity of lumber cut on the St. John and other rivers of New Brunswick.

On Tuesday the bill introduced by Mr. Harrington to secure a better attendance at school passed its second reading by a vote of 25 to 8.

The sad mistake in the old Halifax Poor's Asylum is not to be repeated. The main block of the new building will be three stories high with wings of two stories.

Mr. Oscar Davison informs the Yarmouth Herald that the mails between Yarmouth and Shelburne were conveyed by sleighs for 90 consecutive days this winter.

The Charlottetown Examiner says that there is every reason to believe that the Colorado beetle, or potato bug, is in the Island, and calls upon the farmers in particular to take urgent measures in view of danger.

It was said the other day in the House of Commons at Ottawa that "the very considerable sum of \$37,000 had been thrown away" upon the Chrysalis. This first essay at a Canadian navy is unfortunate.

Since January the Lingan, C. B., mines, after a protracted strike, have been operated by non-union men. On Monday seventy or eighty unionists went there and attacked the workmen on their return from work, treating them roughly, and the next morning broke the doors of some houses, dragged the men out and beat three of them severely.

On Saturday evening Thomas Grady, a truckman, while crossing the track at the Intercolonial passenger depot at St. John with his team, was thrown from the sled. His head fell across the rail, and one wheel of a box car almost severed his head from his body. He leaves a family of nine children, seven under ten years old. His wife died three months ago, leaving a baby.

Numerous petitions in favor of Sabbath observance are being presented at Ottawa. On Tuesday Mr. Richey presented a petition from inhabitants of Lawrence town, also one from inhabitants of Cow Bay, for the prevention of running railway trains on the Sabbath day. Mr. Melisac presented petitions for the same from inhabitants of Lechabar, Glen Alpine and Middleton, Antigonish.

GENERAL.

Of the 17,000 immigrants that arrived in the United States in January, 5044 came from Great Britain.

Bird-seed made, which sells for \$150 per 1000 feet in England, is used for firewood in North Carolina.

An enquiry has proved the presence of traces of phosphorus in the body of Prince Gortschakoff.

A cremation society, with a capital of \$100,000, is to be formed in Chicago at once.

It has been arranged that Parnell will go to America. Mr. Sexton remaining to watch proceedings in Parliament.

A successful trial was lately made in London of an electrical street car. The car ran a distance of four miles in a satisfactory manner.

The balance of trade has again turned in favor of the United States, and bullion is now shipped again from London in large quantities to settle it.

Rowles, one of the prisoners awaiting trial in connexion with the Phoenix Park murders, died in an epileptic fit in Kilmainham jail.

A bill to abolish actions for breach of promise of marriage has been introduced into the English parliament. Men of different political parties will support it.

The death is announced of Thakombau, the ex-King of Fiji, who in 1874, ceded the Fiji group of Islands to Sir Hercules Robinson, as the Representative of Great Britain.

The whole country on the border of the Transvaal is in a state of anarchy, as the natives are arming themselves against the Boers. Chief Mapoch has just defeated the Boers, inflicting a severe loss.

A Russian lady has bestowed 50,000 roubles upon her countrywomen, to be used in giving medical training to those desirous of qualifying for the practice of the healing art.

The funeral of Alexander H. Stephens at Atlanta, Ga., was attended by 75,000 persons. The election of his successor to the governorship will occur on April 24th.

The will of Gustave Dore has been published. He gives orders that seals shall be placed on all his pictures and works for two years. They are then to be sold by public auction.

The time during which the solemnization of marriage in England is legal being at present between 8 a. m. and noon, a bill has been introduced in Parliament to lengthen this time up to 6 p. m.

The movement in favour of peace is increasing in Peru. The national leaders in Chili are disgusted at the proceedings of their fellow countrymen and openly declare in favor of peace.

The French Government has selected as places to which habitual criminals will be transported: New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, the Loyalty Islands, and that portion of Madagascar under French Protectorate.

During the past three years ivory has risen at least 100 per cent in value, and pearl, which is also largely used in halting cutlery and other goods, has advanced very materially in the same period.

Acorns from America are in demand in Europe, for the propagation of oak forests. A special agent for the forestry department recently shipped 300 bushels of red-oak acorns and 125 bushels of pig-nuts to England and Germany, where they are to be planted next spring.

Trouble was feared in Paris from the proposed socialist meeting on Sunday in the Champ de Mars. The socialists are active in trying to induce soldiers, by throwing over the wall of their barracks placards giving directions for the blowing up of public buildings.

Inspector Mallon is the name of the man to whom English journals give the credit of having laid bare the machinery of Irish assassination and vindicated the Dublin police. They say he is a greater adept in the detective art than any imagined in fiction.

Over 8,500,000 bushels of oysters are annually canned in the United States. Of this 5,000,000 bushels are packed raw, 3,500,000 bushels cooked and hermetically sealed. There are 176 oysters in a bushel. This requires 10,500 vessels and employs 50,000 persons.

The reduction of letter postage in the United States begins on the first of next October, and the abolition of stamps on bank checks takes effect on the first of next July, while taxes on the capital and deposits of banks cease from the passage of the recent Tariff Act by Congress.

Professor Nordenskiold will lead the expedition to be sent out in May to the east coast of Greenland, where he will search for the remains of Osterbygd, the old Norse colony whose people were exterminated by the black plague in the fourteenth century. The colony consisted of 190 villages, but no traces of it have ever yet been found since the plague.

Lady Florence Dixie was attacked at Windsor on Sunday by two men disguised in women's clothes. Her dress was cut with daggers in several places, but she received no injury. The English members of Parliament discredited a story that she was thus attacked. The story is a puzzling enigma. There is no doubt that she is a woman of great ability.

Judge Lewis, an attorney in London, and this attack on the officers of the searched shiplessness.



THE MARINER'S HYMN.

Nearer, oh! God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee; Whether upon the land, Or on the sea. My we be truly Thine, Our hearts to Thee resign; Thy love our guiding star, Where'er we be.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM IOWA.

DEAR SIR,—As Nova Scotians in Iowa are interested in the WESLEYAN, perhaps Nova Scotians may be interested in a brief description of Iowa. My brother and I have been here four months. We have met a number of Nova Scotians—McDonalds from Potosi; Jackson, from Church St. Cornwallis; Webster, from Sheffield's Mills; Moore, from Economy; Harvies, from near Windsor; Foster from Wilmot, and Glover from Pleton. Nova Scotians out here are as clamorous as the Scotch. All seem satisfied with the country.

The soil is dark and rich, and from one to four feet in depth. It is deep-est where the prairie is level. Good crops can be grown without manuring. Corn has been grown on one piece of land in this vicinity for fifteen successive years without any thing being returned to the land, and there has been no appreciable decrease in the yield. But the crops are as greatly benefited here as in other places, by enriching the soil. Corn is the staple product. A complete failure in the corn crop would cause a famine. The yield of corn is from 30 to 50 bushels per acre. One man and team can plant, cultivate and harvest forty acres of corn each year, besides raising an acre of potatoes and a few acres of oats, wheat and flax. The market value of the corn varies greatly. This winter it is only 30 cents. But it is valuable for feeding. Cattle, sheep and hogs bring good prices. Potatoes will not average more than 125 bushels per acre. Wheat does poorly. Root crops, vines and small fruits do well. Nearly all the fences are of wire, and have growing well. Wood is not used for fuel, but good soft coal sells just now for \$1.50 per ton, the usual price is \$1.00.

Game is plenty. Last autumn the lakes literally swarmed with wild ducks and geese, and they were easily shot. The spring, however, is said to be the best time for shooting. Prairie chickens, quail, muskrats, prairie hares, pocket gophers and rabbits that do not change color are plenty. There are few rattlesnakes. Good small fish are caught in the lakes.

The weather through the autumn was delightful. During the winter we have had steady cold and a number of blizzards. An Iowa blizzard is the same thing as a Nova Scotia bad snow storm. The most intense cold we have had was 34 below zero. This winter is said to be the coldest known to the present inhabitants of the state. There are no rains in winter. In summer there are sometimes tornadoes and cyclones so that many of the people have dug-outs near their houses in which to take refuge in times of danger. The climate is usually healthful. The most prevalent disease is catarrh. For consumptives Iowa offers much better chances of life than Nova Scotia. The population is made up largely of American, British, German, Swedish and Irish. The religious denominations are Meth. dist. Congregationist, Roman Catholic and Lutheran. There are a few Campbellites, Baptists, Adventists and Spiritualists. The Sabbath day is highly regarded, and a thoughtless infidelity is rampant, but a great change for the better is being effected.

Cities are numerous, almost every town of 500 inhabitants is incorporated and called a city. Nearly every city has one or two drug stores. Drug store is another name for rum shops, where drugs and patent medicines are also sold. In every city also are land agents, whose business is to sell a man another man's farm and then surprise the purchaser by

presenting his claim for another \$100 for his services as agent. Or he borrows \$1000 for a man on mortgage and gives him \$275. The borrower pays interest on \$1000. The rates of interest range from 6 to 10 percent. These little cities, of which I have mentioned the evils only, are all stir through the summer, and are very different from towns of their size in the east. This is a good place for a poor man to start. The towns are building rapidly. Wages are tolerably good. Living is not expensive for house-keepers, but board and lodging, if hired, are usually \$4 a week. The prices of land range from \$5 to \$30 per acre. Farms are almost always sold at so much per acre, buildings included. Men of capital can find splendid chances for profitable investment.

A. S. BLACK, Manson, Calhoun Co., Iowa.

HOPEWELL AND ALMA.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought that our respected Superintendent would have written you last week that on the 6th inst., at the Quarterly Official Meeting of the Hopewell and Alma circuit, (one board) the basis of union, (one board) was discussed, pro. and con., and considerable interest manifested by a large membership present. A unanimous vote in its favor was the result, and also a hearty vote of thanks to the respective members of the committee who proposed said basis of union, for their valuable service in said committee.

The Rev. Levi S. Johnson, Supt. of the circuit and Rev. J. W. Tait, second minister, were cordially invited to return to the circuit the next year, and votes to that effect were unanimously passed. Allow me to give in a few sentences the views entertained and expressed by those present at the meeting upon the different features of the Basis. With regard to the Gen. Supt., as to his presence and position at the Annual Conference, they could not see any real objection; though they have read what has been written in other papers against it they considered it was in harmony with our usages as a Church. We see it in the chairman of District's allowed presence and position at the Quarterly Boards.

The financial bearing they considered was all that they could reasonably expect, as was clearly shown by some of our best financiers—Dr. Pickard and others. The third point, viz: the admission of the laity in equal numbers with the ministers in the Annual Conference, the laity were warmly in favor of, but thought it did not go far enough. They consider this part of the scheme the missing link in Methodism, the most important of all to the Church, and expressed themselves very freely and at length with regard to it. The argument that the laity were represented in the other courts such as the District Meetings and the different Committees meeting at Conference time was met in this way—that inasmuch as the work of the Conference was largely the final disposing of thousands of dollars and other important business deeply affecting the interests of the Methodist Church, and a mutual interest having been acknowledged in the delegation of laity to the District Meetings at which this money and business was deliberated upon, that the final disposing of the same should be mutual and an equal number of ministers and laymen compose the Conference for that purpose. It was considered that the laity would take a deeper interest in all the funds of the Church had they more to do with them, and were their right to do with them to the end acknowledged in giving the privilege of meeting in Conference they would be more anxious to meet in committee for instead of meeting for two or three hours only at the first meeting of committee they would be at hand to meet in committee as often as the same might be in session, and their interest in the whole work be materially increased. The laity is the missing link of power acknowledged by nearly all denominations and by our Mother Church in England and will prove beneficial to all concerned.

ANDREW ANDERSON, Albert, N. B. Recording Sec'y. March 13th, 1883.

PETITODIAC, N. B.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Since the new year came in we have been holding meetings twice a day in some part of this wide field of toil, only stopping when forced to, through being thoroughly overdone, and full of cold. At Canaan there was a very blessed work. One old Christian had been praying the Lord to send his minister along "this week." The minister wondered why he should be so greatly impressed to go that week, and why he did go till he heard the old man tell this the second evening of meeting. Then the remarkable power which fell on all was evidence of much prayer and faith somewhere, and a young brother said in his experience: "I got up at midnight and prayed God to save souls." At the close of the second service a Christian woman, who was standing by the stove, turned suddenly round to her son, and with entreaty, took his hand saying, "My soul is full of glory, and I want you, my dear boy to give your heart to God, and have this glory too." And with many other words she urged him to instant decision for God. He obeyed and

gave his heart to his Saviour. The daughter of the same mother gave herself to God. We are not surprised that the sister of the young man who had prayed at "midnight" came to Christ, or that the old man named saw his grandchildren do likewise. Many more were thus blessed, and some among the Baptists were saved and others reclaimed. I cannot speak as favorably regarding visible results in other places, though we had a measure of success.

We have had an admirable course of lectures in which the following took part with great credit to themselves and profit to the people: Rev. J. W. Stewart, G. W. Fisher, D. D. Moore, A. M. J. Reed, W. Lawson, (in place of Hon. J. Boyd), Silas Alford, E. A. M. Rees, H. Cross, J. C. Bertie, and Donald Macrae. I have given names as they have occurred on the list. The subjects were very varied and all handled in excellent style.

At the close of a lecture at Corn Hill we were presented with \$30.00 cash. This was a pure gift, there being no tea to attract. On our birthday eve we had a real "surprise" in the parsonage, from the lady friends here. We had been out to a cottage meeting, and when we returned the house was literally taken, the tables were loaded, and soon we discovered some purpose. Our beloved Recording Steward, on behalf of the ladies, presented us with a handsome overcoat, a pair of woollen lined and fur topped gloves, a silk handkerchief, a fine fur cap—Miss Langley, on behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs. Lawson with a "valentine" in the shape of a purse. Both parties suitably replied.

The Quarterly Board voted for "Union," but it is only fair to say they did so on the highest ground of faith in God, and also in a spirit of true sacrifice, in the hope that all will be well; though they felt the Basis ought to have been reviewed, and some things changed, and that the time of its presentation is inopportune.

Mr. D. W. Campbell's entertainment of "a tour round the world," accompanied by dissolving views," was all that claimed to be, pure and good, and very interesting, and is worthy of any place or audience. We are fast reducing our Church debt and are getting along nicely with our parsonage. We are very comfortable and among exceedingly kind people, and are full of praise to God for all. Yours truly, W. L. March 6, 1883.

MEMORIAL NOTICES.

EBENEZER BRACE, ST. JOHN'S, N. F. Bro. Brace did not possess much of this world's goods, and in "his bodily presence was weak," yet, "his mind" was the standard of the man, he was no ordinary man.

On Friday evening, the 22d inst., a "memorial service" was held in the Gower St. Church, when a very large congregation assembled to show the respect with which they cherished the memory of our departed brother. A suitable sermon was preached by the superintendent of the St. John's East circuit, and at its close, testimonials were given with regard to the many virtues of the deceased by brothers Woods, Ayer, Mews, and Rodgers, who have been associated with him in church work for very many years.

The following notice, from the Daily Telegraph of this city, is better than any obituary that could proceed from my pen. I will ask you therefore, kindly to reprint it in the WESLEYAN and oblige many of your readers in Newfoundland. W. W. P.

"Yesterday there was unostentatiously and quietly buried in the cemetery at River Head the mortal remains of one who earned for himself more than the brief and ordinary obituary notice at the hands of the journal. Ebenezer Brace was a native of Newfoundland, and except while serving an apprenticeship in Great Britain, had been a resident of his native country during the whole of his life of sixty-three years. For nearly half a century he was connected with the Methodist Church, and during a considerable portion of that time, held official positions in connection therewith. Into the performance of his work in this connection he brought abilities of a very high order, and he never tired in his work for the Church. But he brought to this work something better than great abilities—he brought a good name, and after his fifty years of church connection, we can point to him as a man of spotless reputation. For nearly half a century he held the highest official positions in connection with the Temperance organization of this community, and during his long career was instrumental in saving many from the evils of intemperance. His correspondents were scattered all over the country, and with them his name was a synonym for all that was just and good. He was well posted in English literature and was blessed with a logical mind and a wonderfully retentive memory. Hence in controversy and argument—always earnest and logical, and with a fund of fact in support of his position—he was no mean antagonist. Ebenezer Brace was also a talented musician, and was possessed of a theoretical and practical knowledge of both vocal and instrumental music; and it is almost needless to observe that these talents were neither hidden or buried. "It is painful to record that dur-

ing the last eighteen months of his life his intellect was clouded, but his many friends have the consolation that he lived a Christian's life and by God's Almighty's providence, died a Christian's death. He was a good man!"

MRS. BURTON WARD.

At Amherst, on 23rd. February Mrs. Burton Ward passed from earth to "A house we call our own, Which cannot be o'erthrown."

She was the youngest daughter of Jonathan Gooden, and was born at Baie Verte in 1814. Her father was a clear leader for nearly half a century and took an active part in founding Methodism in Baie Verte. When about sixteen years of age, she gave her heart to God and ever after through the toils of life showed a bright Christian spirit.

For many years she lived at the Upper Cape Tormentine, Westmorland County, N.B., where her house was a home in which preachers were freely entertained and where they often had their sermons handsomely criticised. Nor did her hospitality stop here, for the weary outcast found refreshment at her board. She possessed a most retentive memory and was an excellent Bible scholar. She was also well read in Christian biography and was possessed of a most extensive knowledge of poetry, being able to quote from the best authors a verse or terse saying for every circumstance of life. She died in her seventieth year, in full hope of that rest which remains for the people of God. W.

BREVITIES.

The way to get ready to do great things is to do small ones well.

It is a pregnant saying of Wendell Phillips, "Responsibility educates."

Nothing makes the world seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance; they make the latitudes and longitudes—Thoreau.

A Southern plantation proverb is, "My idea of a better world 'is' whar dar is a election goin' on all de time, cas dem de white folks is allers perlight."

A Sunday-school teacher real to his class that the Ethiopian eunuch went on his way rejoicing after Philip had talked to him and then asked, "Why did he rejoice?" A boy answered, "Because Philip was done a-teaching him."

"What a methodical fellow you are, Brown," said Filkins, who had stepped into Brown's office during the latter's absence. "Why, what do you mean?" asked Brown, who had just entered. "Mean?" echoed Filkins; to think that you should lock all your drawers up when you are only going up for five minutes! 'Tisn't likely that anybody would meddle with your papers." "Of course not," replied Brown; "but how did you find out that the drawers were locked?"

Charles Dickens had a very good story about the early days of a renowned mourning establishment. He went there one day about some mourning, and was ushered into a room where sat a shopman with an attendant in woe-stricken habiliments, who groaned out, "a father, a mother, perhaps a wife." "O, no," said Dickens, "only a distant relative!" "O, sir," said the funeral one, "you have made a mistake; this is the chamber of agonizing woe. John, toll the bell and show the gentleman into the light affliction department."

The best of women have ever found the best of husbands at the post of duty. Rebecca went to the well to water the cattle, and caught Isaac's matrimonial agent. Rachel went out with sheep, and found Jacob and a kiss waiting for her. Ruth wrought in the wheat field and married rich. Abigail hustled around and baked 200 loaves of bread, and loaded up a whole commissary train, which she personally led out to David, and got a second husband within a week after her first one was gone; and if you persistently buckle down to a wash-tub you may feel assured that no man will marry you for your money.

The crowned heads and the great ministers of Europe have, after all, one excellent reason for desiring the independence and integrity of England in the fact that she is the only safe European asylum in time of trouble. At this moment the Empress Eugenie finds a home there, and so does Don Carlos. Louis Philippe and Louis Napoleon died there. The present Emperor of Germany, in 1848, found it convenient to stay there, and when Bunsen's daughter placed an armchair for him at table, pushed it aside, saying that humility was the order of the day, and took an ordinary chair. Ex-Chancellor Count Andrassy taught music in London, often not knowing where the next meal was to come from. Victor Hugo found an asylum in Jersey, Guizot in London, Count Saffi at Oxford, and Louis Blanc at Brighton. Bismarck has not yet found himself an exile, but as it is notoriously the unexpected which generally happens, it is worth his while to have a near port of refuge always open.

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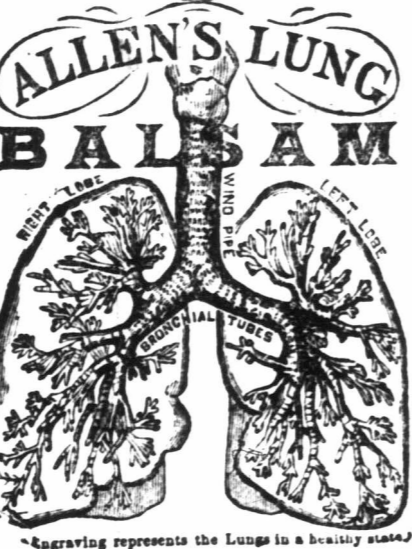
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