

THE WESLEYAN.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1880.

AT THE THRESHOLD.

In a day or two our calendars for 1880 will have been dismissed as useless, and another year will have been added to the thousands of the past.

At the threshold of a new year serious thought is most fitting. Cheerfulness is always in order, but empty mirth is seldom so unseasonable as when indulged in at our entrance upon one of those brief periods into which our life below is divided.

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Let us pause in thought—in point of time we never pause—at the very threshold of a New Year, for the purpose of brief review.

The initial moments of 1881 are close upon us. A new page awaits its record. The proper use of these moments may make the dawning year far superior in blessing to any we have known.

shalt thou set up thy tabernacle" was the command of God in the olden time; and now; doubtless, with doubly-greater emphasis than on other days, the Spirit whispers on "the first day of the first month."

Many subscribers are cheering us by prompt renewals. We wait to hear from others.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER—1881.

The appearance of the annual programme for the services of the first week of the year has ceased to be a novelty.

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We observe with regret a disposition to change which threatens the usefulness of this important institution. Already an apparent step in this direction has been taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, which has drafted and recommended to its churches a Presbyterian programme of topics for next week.

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In the course of a missionary sermon recently preached at Moncton, N.B., Rev. D. D. Currie is reported to have made these remarks concerning the increasing liberality of our day:

In the matter of giving what great progress there had been! In reference to old Centenary Church, St. John, he had recently heard that a man had given £100 towards the building fund. That subscription was looked upon at that time as astounding.

So thought good Captain Webb, Wolfe's old soldier at Louisburg, and Wesley's warm-hearted local preacher, whose presence in New York so alarmed and then so aided the little band of Methodists under Philip Embury.

The N. Y. Independent gives the following denominational statistics of the United States. During the summer months a paragraph passed through the columns of numerous Provincial papers, giving to our Baptist brethren of the United States the precedence in numbers.

It is folly for the Lutheran Evangelist to try to show that the Lutherans occupy the third place as to numbers among the denominations of the United States.

All intelligent adherents of the Methodist Church of Canada will mark with pleasure the great advance which has of late taken place in both the preparation and circulation of its periodical literature.

Any libraries or Sunday-School publications advertised in these periodicals may be obtained at our Book Room at Halifax at the same rates as at Toronto.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

Invitation for a week of united and universal prayer, at the commencement of the year, January 2, 1881.

We again invite all the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom our voice can reach, to unite in praise and prayer during the first week of the year.

Looking to the future we dare not take one step forward without leaning upon His hand who is infinitely wise, good and powerful.

The following topics are suggested for exhortation and prayer on the successive days of meeting:—

Sunday, January 2—Theme: Christ the only hope of a lost world. Monday, January 3—Thanksgiving for the blessings, temporal and spiritual, of the past year, and prayer for their continuance.

The following arrangements have been made for the city of Halifax:—

Sunday, January 2nd—Meeting at 4 1/2 o'clock, conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association. Morning meetings will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, beginning on Monday and closing on Saturday, commencing at 9 1/2 o'clock.

The following arrangements for similar services in St. John, N.B., we copy from the St. John News:

Devotional meetings will be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association at 12 o'clock, noon, and in the evening of each day at eight o'clock, from Monday the 3rd to Saturday the 8th (except on Thursday evening, when the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in the hall of Mechanics' Institute.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR" to all our patrons.

The usual Watch-night services will be held in our churches in the city.

Rev. S. B. Dunn acknowledges the receipt of \$5.00 from another "Friend of Missions," Halifax, to aid in the purchase of a boat for the Labrador Mission.

A good illustration of the way in which the members of a Church may combine to improve the sanctuary in which they worship the Most High, may be found in Mr. Wasson's letter from Digby, in another column.

One of our ministers recently spoke to the members of the Church present at a prayer-meeting upon the claims of the Wesleyan. As a result we have already received two or three orders for the paper.

No Conference arrangements have been made with Rev. H. Steinhart respecting his visit to the Lower Provinces.

In the course of the late legislation on the "Bill to regulate the Trusts of the Wesleyan Methodist Society," in the Bermuda House of Assembly, A. M. Oudney, Esq., moved "that the word 'Church' be substituted for the word 'Society' wherever it occurs."

"Conquests by the Sea" is the suggestive title under which the President of the Ocean Grove Camp-meeting Association publishes the Eleventh Annual Report of that body.

We regret that an unfortunate expression, thoughtlessly used by the writer of a Memorial Notice which recently appeared in our columns, should have escaped the pressure of our pen.

PERSONAL.

George Johnson, Esqr., has been assigned a leading place on the Census staff. The appointment is a judicious one.

Rev. W. Ryan, of Hantsport, has been endeavoring to aid a weak church, by delivering his lecture on "Life in Australia" in several places.

D. H. Burbidge, A. M., Principal of Morris St. School, was lately presented by a number of his pupils with a pleasing token of their regard.

In his most interesting articles on Methodism in Canada, Dr. Ryerson narrates chapters of Church history, for which we have been waiting anxiously and long.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Our Little Ones, intended, as the name implies, for small children, is a bright and beautiful magazine. No. 3 has been received from the office of publication—the Russell Publishing Co., Boston.

The Lesson Calendar for 1881, issued by the Sunday School Times, Philadelphia, presents, on a page for each week of the year, the day of month, golden text, and daily readings.

Three Hundred Topics for Prayer Meetings is the title of a small pamphlet received from the Secretary of the International Committee of the Y. M. C. Associations, New York.

Blackwood's Magazine for December— from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York—has a good table of contents: The Private Secretary; Mr. Kinglake's New Volume; Dr. Wortle's School; Indian Famine Reports; From the Sicilian of Uccort; Winter Sports and Pleasures; Paulo Post Futurum Policy; and, Ireland our Reprache.

Houghton & Co., 10, Paternoster Row, London, Eng., publish the King's Messenger, a penny monthly, specially suited for "distribution among the sick, in cottage homes and city courts," but calculated to aid the Christian life of all classes of readers.

The Canada School Journal.—W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto—it may judge from the December number, is deserving of the support of all interested in common-school education in the Dominion.

The North American Review for January opens with an article by Prof. John Fiske, in explanation of the decline of the spirit of religious persecution.

The numbers of the Living Age for the weeks ending Dec. 11th and 18th, contain the following, among other interesting and valuable articles: Nature and Law, by Dr. Wm. B. Carpenter, Modern Reviews; Marie Antoinette and Robespierre, translated for The Living Age; The Procedure of Deliberate Bodies, Contemporary Review; A Religious Poem of the Ninth Century; Frazer; Political Sonnambulism, Macmillan; Jomina, Moreau and Vandamme, Fortnightly; The Works of Sir Henry Taylor, Nineteenth Century; Insect Conservatism, Spectator; Science for Babes, Saturday Review; Erasmus Darwin, Temple Bar; A Successful African Expedition, Nature; together with instalment of two serials, and the usual amount of choice poetry.

The new volume begins January 1st, and to new subscribers remitting before then, for 1881, the intervening numbers are sent gratis. For fifty two numbers of sixty four large pages each, (or more than 3,500 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8.00) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, both postpaid.

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WHERE ENGLAND

Some English statistics show the amount of wheat produced to a wheat stand the United Kingdom during August 31st. From appears that from the tries the quantities imported were:

Table showing wheat import statistics for various countries including United States, Canada, Russia, Germany, Australia, British India, Egypt, Chili, France, and All other countries.

Total imports of wheat into the Dominion from the making the aggregate of this country \$6,809,866 those from Canada of 2,250,000 bushels. Thus that the United Kingdom this country about 70 wheat it needed, while Australia give only about fifth per cent, and Russia and a half per cent, of which came from the The supply from either this year will be trifling.

In this connection it is interesting to learn that, according to Statistics, the exports from all ports in this country, from August 31st, 1880, were of wheat and 6,809,866 equal to 29,742,372 bushels, our total exports of twelve months 186,478,600 bushels, deducting from this aggregate the amount of wheat imported into the United States are left for the rest of 729 bushels or a little less total exports of wheat.

FUNERAL OF MR.

Mr. Firth's funeral was remarkable ever witnessed procession, which was full of every rank and grade, couple of miles long, with thousands. Every sect of the Church was well represented. The United Church ministers, the Primitive Methodist, the Independents, and the Wesleyans were led by the Governor and Wesley College. The ministers succeeded; at the Church of England ministers and lay representatives and the Secretary College and a few of the All the public bodies in presented. The funeral grave was conducted by Stacey, of the New Court a close personal friend of previous portions of the been read by the Rev. and the Rev. Dr. Chalmers than could be found too by endeared friends. Conspicuous among the coffin was one of unusual composed of scented dark, with the following white violets: "To My French friends." It was silent tribute to the goodness of one who, of circle and local interest generous enthusiasm eigners.

The Montreal "West paper that devotes itself the Farmers' needs. Department is edited Esq., Lindbank, Quebec known as one time Canada Farmer and "Witness" lecturer of editorial articles and "Box" are especially "Witness" Markets liable and very full. He is the veterinary column McEachran, F.R.C.V. Montreal Veterinary Dominion Inspector name stands in the primary surgeons on this prompt replies given are valuable. A "Pot just been added, and great assistance to pot are growing in number towns especially the increasing in popular departments are of ce farmers, the cultivate smaller way, and the g who are fond of garden. The Legal Department questions are and petent to perform this assistance to all men then the paper is full special interest to the little children having selves. An especial paper is that every day edited, not thrown to so that those relying on are not likely to be in sorrier of the Montreal can tell of special offer subscribers are b

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