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SPEECH OF DR. DOUGLAS.

We take the following extracts of Dr. Douglas' speech at the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, from the Atlanta Christian Advocate.

HONORED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In response to the call of the Chair, I count myself happy in being permitted to stand on the sacred soil of Georgia—sacred, because of its Methodist history, and look into the honest eyes of those men who have uplifted the banner of old Methodism throughout this great land of the South.

It has been to me, sir, a source of sincere regret that my co-delegate, the Honorable Justice Wilmot, now in New Brunswick, has been prevented from appearing with me on this occasion.

We have come, sir, from the land beyond the lakes—from the valley of the lower St. Lawrence, where the Borealis flares in sportive lights athwart the darkness of the sky, where the mists, like the tented fields, hang around the shores of old Acadia.

Mr. President, as the Address intimates, some four years ago the development of our Church in ever widening fields, demanded a new autonomy.

The Methodist Church of Canada, rough-handed, but leal of heart as the Scotchman says, has fallen in love with the fair maid of the Methodist Church, South.

It is, sir, perhaps right that you men in the far South should once for all have a statement of the characteristics of the great field which God hath given us to cultivate.

If we begin on the sun-rise side of the continent, we have the Island of Newfoundland, which is as large as the combined Kingdoms of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, the old Scandinavian home of the Norsemen, who delight to sniff the brine.

the Protestant population of that island. And of a magnificent band of consecrated men who occupy that inhospitable coast, if time would permit, I could tell tragic tales, matching the heroic sacrifices of the most heroic period of the Methodist Church.

Coming to the mainland, we have the Province of Nova Scotia, which is larger than old Scotland—Scotland which the scholars know has done the metaphysical thinking for the world for one hundred and fifty years.

I rejoice, sir, (addressing Gov. Colquhoun of Georgia, on the platform) to see that God has lifted you up to their dignities, social and political, in the great commonwealth of Georgia.

I say with pleasure that in Nova Scotia the refined and cultured status of Methodism has scarcely a peer in any Church in the Dominion of Canada.

Passing to the Province of New Brunswick, we have an area as large as the Kingdom of Holland and Belgium.

I rejoice to say we hold that gem of the Gulf of the St. Lawrence, Prince Edward's Island, as large as the old Grand Duchy of Parma.

As the address intimates, some few years ago a desire was kindled for organic union.

The Eastern Wesleyan Conference and the New Connexion Conference agreed to join their fortunes with the larger Canadian Conference in one organic whole, America with the American.

We are still students, Mr. President, as you are, confronting the unsolved problem of how to strengthen Methodism in the cities and centres of intelligence and wealth.

How, in a word, to bring our economy into harmony with the spirit of the times, that the discipline and power of the Church may be perpetuated and be a growing force in the coming generations.

The scepticism of this age is not the roystering folly of the 17th and 18th centuries—the infidelity of this age comes to us with the pale cast of thought across its brow, with anxiety in its burning look, and hesitation in its tread.

"Ah! the pathway is not given—Ah! the goal I cannot near—Earth will never reach to heaven—Never shall the there be here."

This specious and seductive infidelity is appealing to some of our best minds, and unsettling some of our most promising youths.

I am thankful to say our church is one with yours in taking higher education under its specific guidance.

LITERARY

LIVING EPISTLES; or Christ's Witnesses in the world. Also an Essay on Christianity and Scepticism.

Adam Miller & Co. have sent us Part I, of Mental Arithmetic, by J. A. McLellan, M.A., LL.D., Inspector of High Schools, Ontario.

PROF. TOWNSEND has added yet another to his list of valuable works on religious topics.

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must be a rejection, within certain limits, of the Old Testament, because those oracles teach invariably that the mode appointed by God for the application of water, in cleansing ordinances, was sprinkling?

X. THUS SAITH THE LORD. In the Old Testament Scriptures there are records of cleansing ordinances which Paul called "divers baptisms" (Heb. ix. 10).

1. Thus saith the Lord: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, . . . he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, (Lev. xiv. 7.)"

2. The priests, at thirty years of age, received ordination; wherein they were baptized with water and anointed with oil.

3. Thus saith the Lord: Until the water of separation should be sprinkled upon one, who had become unclean, by contact with a dead body, he should be cut off from Israel.

4. Thus saith the Lord: "And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon . . . the persons that were there, (Num. xix. 18.)"

5. Thus saith the Lord: "And a clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean, (Num. xix. 19.)"

6. Thus saith the Lord: "But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the Lord: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him, (Num. xix. 20.)"

in part, and is being more and more fulfilled. The people of many of the nations of the present day have been sprinkled in the ordinance of baptism by the Messiah of whom Isaiah spake, though Jesus baptized not, but his disciples, in his name and in his stead."

9. Thus saith the Lord: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean." This was spoken through Ezekiel when predicting, "the blessings of Christ's kingdom" There was not only the baptism with water foretold, but the baptism of the Holy Ghost: "And I will put my Spirit within you," (Ez. xxxvi. 25-27.)

10. Thus saith the Lord: "Sprinkling the unclean sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh," (Heb. ix. 13.)

11. Thus saith the Lord: These divers sprinklings were "divers baptisms," (Heb. ix. 10.)

12. Thus saith the Lord: Moses sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, etc. (Heb. ix. 21.)

13. Thus saith the Lord: Moses not only sprinkled many things with blood, showing that there was cleansing through blood, but also took "water" and "sprinkled both the book, and all the people," (Heb. ix. 19.)

14. Thus saith the Lord: These baptisms were purifying ordinances. "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these," (Heb. ix. 23.)

15. Thus saith the Lord: "It is clear, by allowing the Holy Ghost to be his own interpreter, that baptizing does not mean dipping, nor plunging, nor immersing nor immersing, nor even sprinkling or pouring; but baptizing means washing, cleansing, purifying. And, by allowing the Holy Ghost to be his own interpreter, the washing, cleansing, purifying of regeneration is through the Holy Ghost shed on us and is the work of Christ; whereas the divinely appointed mode of the symbolical baptism with water, is the sprinkling of water upon the person."

Now, brother Brown, it must be impossible, as God has appointed this "pattern," this "shadow," this "sprinkling," as his mode of cleansing, or baptizing, that he would be so inconsistent with himself, as teach that another mode, so radically different from sprinkling as immersion is, should be also a proper mode.

Dr. Graves once said to Dr. Ditzler: "If I hand a lady my handkerchief and ask her to wash it, and she should sprinkle a little water upon it, is the handkerchief washed?" Dr. Ditzler might have replied by saying: "If she should dip it, or plunge it, or immerse it, in water, is the handkerchief washed?" Not in either case would the handkerchief be washed according to the requirements of secular life.

Yours respectfully, D. D. CURRIE.

Carlton, Mr. C. O.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

B. C. 536. LESSON XII. THE DECREE OF CYRUS; or, Abounding Grace. 2 Chron. 36, 22, 23. June 23.

EXPLANATORY.

VERSE 22. THE FIRST YEAR. Not the first year of Cyrus' rule over the Persians of whom he was the hereditary king; nor the year in which he conquered the Chaldean Empire, since for two years after the fall of Babylon he permitted his grandfather Astyages (the Darius of Scripture) to hold the nominal rank of king. On the death of Astyages (Darius), B. C. 536, Cyrus took possession of the throne which his arms had already won; and this is the date here referred to. His promptness in the liberation of Judah was remarkable and generous. "Those are much honored whose spirits are stirred up to begin with God and to serve him in their first years."—Henry. [Teacher, recommend promptness in good resolutions and actions.] Cyrus. One of the most prominent characters in ancient history, yet one around whose record has gathered so much of legend and tradition, that it is almost impossible, at this late period, to extricate the facts of his career from the fables concerning him. His father, Cambyses, was king of the Province of Persia, but tributary and subject to Astyages, king of the Medes, whose daughter, Mandane, was his wife. When Cyrus was born, his grandfather, on account of a dream portending his future greatness, ordered him to be slain; but his life was spared by those who received the command. He passed his childhood in obscurity, but in youth was recognized and taken to the court of his grandfather for education, and as a hostage for the loyalty of the Persians. There he learned to despise the effeminacy and weakness of his Median masters, and joined with his father in leading the Persians to revolt. Cambyses perished in the insurrection, but Cyrus succeeded so completely in his efforts that in B. C. 559 the relations of the two tribes were reversed, and the Medes became subordinate to the Persians. Astyages, however, received kind treatment, was recognized as joint-king with Cyrus, and retained the shadow of royalty until his death. Cyrus began his conquests about B. C. 546, when he subverted the wealthy kingdom of Croesus, including nearly all the peninsula of Asia Minor. Next, he turned his arms against the vast but degenerated empire of Babylon, which he added to his dominions B. C. 538. He was meditating still greater conquests in India and Egypt, when, according to the most reliable accounts, he was slain in his expedition against India. His tomb is still shown at Pasargadae, now Murg-aub. It was his mission to consolidate the kingdoms of the East, to break up the old Asiatic forms of idolatry, and substitute the purer monotheism of the Persians; and thus to open the path for the true faith. Though ambitious, he was generous to his captives and just in his government; the best type in history of an Oriental despot. He was succeeded on his throne, and in his plans for conquests, by his son Cambyses, who carried the Persian arms up the Nile as far as Ethiopia. Word of the Lord. Human plans may fail, but the words of God stand sure. Though unconscious of his religious destiny, Cyrus was God's hammer to break the chains of Judah, and the idols of the Oriental world. Mouth of Jeremiah. About the year B. C. 597, soon after Zedekiah received the throne of Judah, he sent a deputation of his nobles to Babylon, on some message to King Nebuchnezzar, probably with tribute or pledges of submission. By these ambassadors the prophet dispatched a letter to the Jews who had been carried thither as captives a few years previously, recommending to them contentment with their lot and loyalty to the Chaldeans, by whom they were treated kindly. In this letter, Jer. 29, 10, he predicted that their captivity would last seventy years, at the expiration of which their families would be restored to their ancestral home. The time of the prophetic announcement had now arrived, and the person to accomplish it was at hand. In the great plans of God every hour has its man, and every man, and every man his hour. Of each mortal may be said, as of Cyrus, "I girded thee, though thou hast not known me," Isa. 45, 5. The Lord stirred up. It is probable that the special agent in awakening the interest and favor of Cyrus the conqueror was the prophet Daniel, whom he found at Babylon, in great age and high authority, when he took possession of the throne. No doubt Daniel urged this act of mercy and judgment, and pointed out to the conqueror the prophetic writings concerning himself. [Teacher, show how noble is the work of leading the minds of men to God's word, and what great results may flow from it.] Proclamation

The laws, literature, and power of Persia have passed away, but this proclamation of Cyrus has left results in history greater than all his conquests. The deeds wrought for self die; but what is done for God abides forever. Throughout all his kingdom. The Jews brought to Babylon had dispersed themselves throughout all southwestern Asia; and the proclamation was addressed not only to members of the tribe of Judah, but to the remnant of the Ten Tribes, who were still more widely scattered. God sees his people in their remotest hiding-places, and can bring them to light and honor before the world. 23. ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH. This was scarcely an exaggeration. Nearly all the civilized world of that era was comprised within the Persian Empire. Rome was an inconsiderable city, and Athens was just beginning its history, while the kingdom of Persia was bounded on the east by India; on the north by the Caucasus Mountains, the Caspian and the Black Sea; on the west by the Hellespont, the Aegean, and the Mediterranean Seas; and on the south by the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf. Afterward, Cambyses added Egypt, and Darius a part of India, to its dominion; so that it remained the greatest of kingdoms until B. C. 331, when by the single battle of Arbela it fell into the grasp of Alexander the Great. Hath the Lord God of heaven given me. The proclamations of the Persian monarchs, as recorded in Scripture, are remarkable for their reverential tone. This is consonant with the "arrow-headed" inscriptions on the Persian monuments, translated by Rawlinson and others, where every success is ascribed to Ormuzd, the Persian conception of God. Let us, in our intelligence, not sink below the wisdom of these ancients, by forgetting him from whom comes every blessing. He hath charged me. Cyrus realized that God had entrusted to him a charge and a work. So he has to every one. Let us hear God's call, and consecrate our powers to his cause. Build him an house. The temple had remained in ruins for fifty-one years, since its destruction by the Chaldeans B. C. 587. By this command of a far-off king, it now began to rise from its ashes. [Teacher, show your scholars that each one may build a temple for God's indwelling within the recesses of a consecrated heart.] His people. More than ever scattered Judah was now God's people; for the evil elements were destroyed, and the purified remnant fitted by trial for its high religious destiny. Though in affliction, God recognizes his own, and leads them forth to liberty. Let him go up. Very few of the original captives were now alive, though some returned to witness the foundation of the new temple, and to weep, as they contrasted it with the glory of the old. (Ezra. 3, 13.) Fifty thousand of the children of the captivity migrated to the land of their forefathers; but more remained in their adopted homes, still recognized as "Jews of the dispersion," retaining the worship of God and the customs of their fathers, and observing a close relation with their brethren at Jerusalem. GOLDEN TEXT: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. Isa. 40, 2. DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The fulfillment of prophecy. The next lesson is Second Quarterly Review. HONOR FROM EUROPE.—It is conceded on all sides that Dr. Ayer's Pills are above comparison with other medicines. Uniting the best elements known to the chemist they are particularly effective against the numerous stomachic disorders for which they are recommended as a cure. These Pills are so mild, yet searching, that they are often prescribed by doctors who otherwise do not favor patent medicines. Indeed, with the fruits of Dr. Ayer's genius in the shape of Pills, Sarsaparilla, Aque Cure and Cherry Pectoral, one might with immunity travel through the swamps of tropical America, or follow Stanley on his travels through the interior of Africa.—Amsterdam Nieuws van den Dag. ADAM WALKER, of Tavistock, Ontario writes, in February, 1868, that after trying many Cough and Lung remedies for a severe cold which he has suffered with for three years, he procured ALLEN'S LUNG BALM and was being much benefited by it. In a letter still later he said his night sweats were all gone and he was rapidly recovering—his appetite was much better and he felt like a new man. THE expenditure of brain power too early or too severely in children often results in physical debility; the use of Fowler's Hypophosphites exerts a singularly happy effect in such cases. "THE BEAUTY" of having a bottle of Perry Davis' Pain Killer in the house is, that you are prepared for the "worst," Group or Cholera, the Pain Killer is a sovereign remedy.

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THE COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

No one having any regard for our country's progress, can restrain a feeling of pride in looking over the results of the higher education during the past year in these Provinces. It does not detract from the real merit of these advantages that the chief strength of educational work is in the hands of the churches.

A true Methodist will not confine his prayers to the educational institutions of his own denomination. Nor will he fail to give thanks for the blessings which come so manifestly from colleges and academies under direction of other evangelical bodies.

Newfoundland has progressed, in educational enterprise, more, perhaps, than any of the Provinces, within re-

cent years. We say this from actual, personal knowledge. The day is not far distant when all the facilities for obtaining a university course will exist on that Island; and, assuredly, the ambitions which are now being fostered there, as well as the substantial foundation being laid, will secure for the island a good name and place in the competitions of scholarship.

By correspondence, last week and this, in our columns, from Sackville, readers will have no difficulty in forming their own conclusions as to our Academies and College in that beautiful village. Their career has been quite remarkable. Within the few years since railroad facilities have brought the Institutions near to the principal places in the Provinces, closing days at Sackville have become a sort of festival occasion.

We have great hopes for the coming year. Much time was spent by the Trustees and Governors in perfecting arrangements for carrying forward the work of education. All this will bear good fruit.

THE LIFE OF SIR WALTER SCOTT is likely to be re-written. His biographer—his own son-in-law, Mr. Lockhart—is supposed to have been prejudiced against the brothers Ballantyne, whom Scott took into partnership for publishing his voluminous works.

A PARAGRAPH WAS OMITTED from our reference to the ministerial forces of Charlottetown, in last week's issue. It rarely happens that men who fall out of the active ranks of Methodism relapse into listlessness.

SAD, very sad, are the ravages which Diphtheria continue to make among our young people, Levi Hart, Esq., residing at the Arm, Near Halifax, has just lost a second child by this dreadful disease—the pet girl of the household.

OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS will be approached this year with much anxiety. Finances may be presumed to be in a discouraging state, although it is quite possible that, as on previous occasions, God may be better to us than all our fears.

SOME idea of the present state of the world's business may be gathered from this incident:—A young, healthy mechanic, having a good knowledge of the blacksmith trade, a local preacher in good standing, had been nine months in search of employment, when he came to our office last Saturday.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.—The Bible Index, a serial published by the Baptists, at Toronto, falls into the same error, with Mr. Brown. It imagined that Mr. Currie's first letter included his reply to the charge of falsely quoting from the Lexicons.

Will some one send the Index a copy of Mr. Currie's second and third letters? We may then imagine who it is that is made "very uncomfortable."

THE EUROPEAN POWERS are, seemingly, preparing for a Conference on the war question. It will probably be held in Berlin. Any one can see that Britain, if not a dictator at the Board of representatives, will, at least, be umpire.

AS TO CAMP-MEETINGS! The time for these is just at our doors. Will they succeed this year? Shall souls now in darkness owe to them liberty and light, under God?

Two or three obituaries this week reached us on Tuesday, with a request for insertion in this issue. This, as all our readers ought to know by this time, is impossible.

We expected a letter from our Sackville correspondent this week, containing a report of proceedings at the closing of the Institutions. It has not reached us. We observe that Mr. Inch was honored by the college board with the degree of LL.D.

REV. E. BOTTERELL is now on a visit to the Lower Provinces. We are glad to see him in better health than for some time.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

BILLETS FOR THE AMHERST SESSION.

- Addy, J S; Ainley, William; Alcorn, William; Angwin, Thomas; Angwin, Jos G; Astbury, John; Bent, Jos F; Bennett, W A; Bigney, J G; Bird, Kichey; Borden, J E; Botterell, E; Brecken, Ralph, M D; Brettle, Elias; Brown, W C; Brunyate, E R; Cassidy, John; Coffin, Jos F; Craig, John; Daniel, R A; Davis, Hiram J; Day, George F; England, James; England, Eben E; Fisher, Jos M; Gaetz, Jos; Giles, Jesse B; Hale, Joseph; Hart, James R; Hart, Thomas D; Heartz, W H; Hemmeon, Jos B; Hennigar, James G; Hockin, Arthur; Howie, John W; Huestis, G O; Huestis, Stephen F; Johnson, Geo (A); Johnson, John; Johnson, R O B; Johnson, D W, A B; Jost, Cranswick, A M; Lane, William G; Lockhart, C; Mack, B Barry; McArthur, Robert; McMurray, John; Moore, Ezra B; Morton, A D, A M; Mosher, John A; Nicolson, A W; Parker, Caleb; Pickles, F H W; Pike, Joseph M; Prestwood, Paul; Read, John; Rogers, Jabez A; Rogers, Thomas, A M; Scott, D B; Scott, James; Shenton, Job; Shepherdson, J W; Shore, Godfrey; Smith, Richard; Smith, T Watson; Sponangle, J L; Strothard, James; Sutcliffe, J; Swallow, C W, A B; Temple, R Alder; Teasdale, J J; Tuttle, George W; Tuttle, A S; Thurlow, I E; Tweedy, Robt; Tweedy, James; Wasson, R; Weldon, A F; Williams, Robert; Ed McDonald; Thomas Embree; C G Donkin; George Christie; S R Greenfield; Captain Stephens; James Bugbey; Moses Crowe; Hamilton Terrance; Isaac Beharrell; Henry Dunlap; Fred Bent, Esq; M D W Douglas; Fred Bent, Esq; R D McElmon; George Black; J K Elderkin, Esq; F J Copps; Captain R Lowrison; Rev Alex Black; Rev J Sutcliffe; Joshua Fuller; C G Donkin; Cyrus Black, Esq; Rev Alex Black; Dr Purdy; Mrs J G Harding; Mrs Wm Atkinson; Jos Cove; Wm Read; Ditto; Rev I Sutcliffe; Mrs Moffatt; William Sleep; J K Elderkin, Esq; C G Donkin; Cliff, Greenfield; A Davison; John White; Isaac Beharrell; Capt Steeves; John Baker; C R Smith, Esq; Jos Cove; Wm McDonald; S R Greenfield; J K Elderkin, Esq; Dr Allen; J K Elderkin, Esq; C R Smith, Esq; Amos Pugsley; A Davidson; Henry Dunlap; Chas Hillson; Amos Pugsley; Robert King; Charles Bent; Amos Pugsley; Hiram Black, M P P; John Baker; Daniel Teed; J Albert Black; Josh Fuller; Harvey Black; Baynard Dodge; A Robb; Rupert Lusby; Fred Bent, Esq; Spruce Grove; Thomas Embree; Parsonage; T H Griffin; M D Fride; George Black; James Moffatt; C R Casey; R K Smith; Charles Bent; C R Casey; Jonas Cole.

The following speakers have been designated by the Secretaries of the several Committees interested:

AMHERST Friday 28th, 3 p.m. Rev Hiram J Davis 8 p.m. Educational Anniversary Speakers: Revs Dr Stewart, Thomas Rogers, A M, Caleb Parker. SUNDAY, 30th: 11 a.m. St. Stephen's Church, Rev John Read 7 p.m. Do. Rev Job Shenton Tuesday, 2nd July 3 p.m. Rev C Lockhart 8 p.m. S. School Anniversary Revs. John Read, Geo. O. Huestis, John J Teasdale, A S Tuttle Wednesday 3rd 3 p.m. Rev J S Addy 8 p.m. Temperance Meeting Speakers:—Revs G O Huestis, J B Hemmeon, J S Coffin, Caleb Parker. ELIAS BRETTELE, President of N. S. Conf.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

HAMILTON APPOINTMENTS. We have a private despatch from St. Thomas which says that the following appointments for the city have been made by the Stationing Committee, whose report, however, is subject to the pleasure of the Conference: Centenary Church—Rev. W. W. Williams.

Wesley Church—Rev. Leonard Gaetz. First Methodist Church—Rev. W. S. Griffin. Zion Tabernacle—Rev. B. B. Keefer. Simcoe Street Church—Rev. J. C. Stephenson. Hannah Street Church—Rev.—Hudson. LATER.

This forenoon the Rev. G. B. Ryckman, was elected President of the Conference and Rev. John Wakefield Secretary. Dr. Rice has been assigned to the pastorate of the congregation at St. Mary's.—Hamilton Times.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—The spring meeting of this important Union takes a leading place among the great gatherings of May. This year unusual interest has been attached to the doings of our Congregational friends, as a series of resolutions were proposed affirming the unshaken allegiance of the Union to the leading evangelical doctrines of the orthodox faith, and chiefly the incarnation, the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, His resurrection and mediatorial reign, and also the work of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of man's fallen nature.

After the debate the Union by an overwhelming vote carried the resolution to which I have referred. The action of the Body is most opportune and has proved a relief to many who were greatly fearing.

have prevailed on rather a wide scale in the cotton manufacturing districts. The proposed reduction of ten per cent in the wages of the work people has been stoutly resisted. The opposition of the people, led to the locking out on the part of the masters, and a vast number have been thronging the streets, grumbling at the state of affairs, and ready for riot and mischief.

STRIKES AND RIOTS

The district meetings have been held, and as was anticipated they were largely attended by the laity, and were throughout of unusual interest. The representatives to Conference on the ministerial side, are very much reduced in number. In some instances when the Chairman and the Financial Secretary were reckoned, and one or more candidates for ordination, there remained but very few vacancies, and it is evident that the privilege of attending Conference is considerably abridged, and to some the chances will rarely, if ever, present themselves.

THE DISTRICT MEETINGS

HOME MISSION WORK received full attention, and the proposals of the committee were largely adopted and with much cordiality except that which separates the yearly collection, and makes it a special fund for all sorts of expenditure for which no other provision is made.

THE REVISION OF THE LITURGY was felt to be an anxious and delicate matter. The discussions revealed a very wide divergence of opinion in relation to the whole question.

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worship thought it a fitting opportunity of further recommending its adoption. This was strenuously resisted by others who do not admire its use.

THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE YOUNG was another proposal laid before the brethren. This received very general approval, and passed with but little difficulty.

THE EASTERN QUESTION still absorbs attention, and the tremendous danger of war still menaces Europe. Affairs in and around Constantinople are full of peril and excitement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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MILL VILLAGE, QUEENS'.

DEAR EDITOR:—A tea-meeting, got up by the ladies of this circuit, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., proved quite a success. The object was to reduce the deficiency in the ministers salary, and about \$54 were realized.

REPLY TO AN "OPEN LETTER."

TO THE REV. JOHN BROWN, BAPTIST MINISTER. MY DEAR SIR:—You seem determined upon obtaining notoriety. And you seem fairly in the way, too, to be gratified.

thing more than your mere name, character, abilities, or sentiments. Behind you there is a brotherhood, pious and sincere—in the majority of instances inoffensive and charitable.

Twice you have addressed me by letter—this time through your church organ. It has occurred to me that you need a little illumination, and that I may possibly be the humble illuminating instrument.

I have no acquaintance with you. I am informed however, that you came from England—that land of religious freedom, and from the feet of Spurgeon—that man of multifarious eloquence and rare courage.

TRAVELLING TO CONFERENCE.

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Another anomaly presents itself in your present position. Have you retained the principles learned from Spurgeon? If so, why do you not launch some of your bolts against close-communion? What would you do with Spurgeon to-day if he presented himself at the Lord's table where you were officiating?

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- 1. Belief in immersion. 2. Belief in the sinfulness of any other mode. 3. Belief in the abominable sinfulness of Infant Baptism. 4. Belief in Calvinism. 5. Belief in the scripturalness of the Baptist Church.

- 2. Any who are baptized by immersion, but who are not members of the Baptist Church. 3. Any who, though baptized by immersion, commune at any time with members of any other Church.

I will resume this subject next week. Perhaps you can persuade the Messenger to copy my letters, since you blame me for not inserting yours. If so you will indeed accomplish something in this controversy.

Yours truly, THE EDITOR OF THE "WESLEYAN."

At the third annual meeting of the New England Church, Boston, Monday evening, May 20, the pastor, Rev. W. H. H. Murray, made a very extraordinary statement to his people. Its tenor was as follows: Beginning with nine members, and organized as an experiment, without the sanction or aid of any religious denomination, the New England Church has had a growth of unexpected greatness and rapidity.

The Spectator (Wesleyan, Melbourne, Australia), contains the following affecting account of a rescue of Cap. Rounceville with his companions in the mid-Atlantic, but just alive.

As Mr. Wm. Scott, who lives at Shanklin, St. John Co., was looking for his cows on Monday last, he found that a large bear had driven two of the cows in between a couple of trees blown down by the logs.

On Saturday, R. A. Chapman, Dorchester, launched a very fine 1000 ton ship for Taylor Bros. & Co. She is christened by Miss Annie Chapman—the "Australia." She will be commanded by Captain Thomas Anderson of this place.

There were 23 square-rigged vessels in Shediac harbor on the 4th, and the railway wharf at the point was blockaded with lumber cars. On the 3d inst. the ship "Midas" sailed for Gloucester, England, with 193 standard of deals and ends.

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I understand that several sons of Wesleyan ministers are candidates this year for the Methodist ministry, being wishful to walk in the footsteps of their fathers.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Supreme Court has decided to hear the appeal case between the Windsor and Annapolis and Western Counties Railway Companies on the 9th of July.

The schooner "Barbara F. Latimer" was launched from the shipyard of W. H. Moore & Co., North Sydney, C. B., on Saturday week.

The "Liverpool Times" furnishes the following items from Queens Co.: Fresh salmon have been selling at 5 cents per pound in Liverpool.

The Sydney, C. B., "Advocate" says that a young man named Hurley, one of those who so narrowly escaped death by suffocation in the New Winnings Pit at Sydney Mines, on the occasion of the recent explosion, has become insane.

The Yarmouth "Herald" reports that on Wednesday night, Mr. Richard Patten, of Hebron, the oldest man in the township, retired to bed in excellent health, and 20 minutes afterwards was a corpse.

Mr. John Dunbar, of Durg Brook, West Branch, E. R., has just completed the fulfillment of a contract made with a Mr. De Wolfe, to supply 500,000 feet of spruce deals and 200 tons hardwood timber for shipment to Great Britain.

The ship Malta is now out 75 days and is still unreported. She is owned by Mr. Bennett Smith, of Windsor, and registers 1,222 tons.

Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, have been awarded the contract for the new Acadia College and Academy, the former for \$21,000 and the latter for \$14,000.

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It is said an Act suppressing party processions will be introduced during the present session of the Quebec Legislature.

A party row occurred on Saturday at a military review on Champ de Mars. An Orange Young Briton struck a Catholic youth, who, as he alleges, insulted him.

The seats in an amphitheatre, in the western suburbs of Montreal, where Sunday performances took place, gave way on Sunday when about two thousand persons were present.

The wife and child of a French Canadian laborer, living at Cache, St. Antoine, who were bitten a few weeks since by a rabid dog, have both died of hydrophobia.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A fearful colliery explosion occurred at Lancashire, England, on the 7th inst. The explosion shook the earth for miles.

Advices from Cape Town, 21st May, represent that the cessation of the Kaffir war is soon expected. Sundille, chief of the Goores, has sent word to the commandant of the British forces that he was tired of fighting, and wants peace.

A Madrid special says in consequence of the favorable news from Cuba the Spanish Government has granted an amnesty to all press offenders, and orders the liberation of Creoles imprisoned for rebellion.

The famine in China is reported increasing. A Rio Janeiro letter of May 19th states that the barque "Laura," with 300 inhabitants of Cara, fleeing to Para on account of starvation at home, foundered off Para and 110 of the refugees were drowned.

The "New Free Press" announces that six divisions of the Austrian army are to be placed, in a few days, on a war footing, so that means may be in readiness to execute the decisions of Congress affecting Austria.

Last week 700 miners, near Charleston, W. Va., captured a steamer, went to Blackburg and made the miners there stop work. They then took possession of a train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, refusing to pay.

It is stated the Berlin Criminal Court has received letters threatening the assassination of all sovereigns if Nobeling is harshly treated. The number of arrests in Prussia for disloyal utterances is increasing in significance.

Advices from Singapore represent that the threatened difficulty between China and Siam is averted, and relations of those countries are harmonious. China renounces her attempt to exact tribute from Siam.

Treaty powers have now recognized complete independence of Siam. The Pope has directed Cardinal Franchi to despatch urgent instructions to the Catholic clergy of Germany to use every effort to prevent spreading of Socialism.

The Emperor of Germany sent a despatch to the Emperor of Austria expressing his regret at the attempted assassination.

Carlton Mrs. C. O.

PREACHER'S PLAN, HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH, SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

Table of preaching times and locations including Brunswick St., Grafton St., and Beech Street.

RECEIPTS for 'WESLEYAN,' FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 13th.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO REMITTING MONEY:—When sending money for subscribers, say whether old or new, and if new, write out their Post Office address plainly.

Table of names and amounts for 'Wesleyan' subscriptions, including names like Rev. W. H. Heartz, Rev. G. Shore, and various donors.

MARRIED.

At Barrington, June 8th by the Rev. F. H. W. Pickles, Capt. William Swain, to Miss Rebecca E. King, both of North East Harbor.

DIED.

At Gabarus, C.B., May 10th, Selina, daughter of Mr. Timothy Aylis, aged 14 years. Her end was peace.

IN THE PRESS. TO BE READY FOR CONFERENCE. Thirteen open letters on BAPTISM, By REV. D. D. CURRIE.

BOARD AND EDUCATION FOR YOUNG LADIES IN LONDON.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. A most favorable opportunity is presented to Parents and Guardians wishing to place children under judicious care by the opening of a FIRST CLASS BOARDING SCHOOL for Young Ladies.

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CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE.

A GOOD TIME TO SUBSCRIBE. The EIGHTH VOLUME begins with the July number, now in Press. Early numbers will contain the following: Splendidly Illustrated Articles: THE CHAUTAUQUA SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSEMBLY (14 Engravings).

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS.

We are now opening from New York—Ladies' FANS, The New Metal Top Back COMB, Side Lace and Extension CORSETS, Silk and Pearl Dress BUTTONS.

JOYFUL NEWS FOR THE AFFLICTED.

DR. C. GATES:—Gentlemen—I take much pleasure in stating some facts respecting your valuable medicine. My wife had been suffering for many years and tried many remedies, which had very little effect.

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

NO DISCOUNT will be allowed on American invoices until further notice. J. JOHNSON, Commissioner of Customs.

HALIFAX DISTRICT.

The Members of this District, Lay and Clerical will convene AT WOLFVILLE, On Wednesday, the 19th June, At 2 p.m.

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT will take place AT BERWICK, (D.V.) On Thursday, June 20th, At 9 o'clock, a.m.

Saint John.

The Annual Meeting of the Saint John District will be held in the Methodist Church, CARLTON ST., ST. JOHN, on Wednesday, June 19th, commencing at 9 a.m.

Prince Edward Island.

The Annual Meeting of the P. E. Island District will commence, at CORNWALL, on Tuesday, June 18th, at 10 o'clock.

FREDERICTON.

The Annual Meeting of the FREDERICTON DISTRICT will be held in the Methodist Church, MARYSVILLE, (D.V.) on THURSDAY, 20th inst., at 9 a.m.

CUMBERLAND.

The Annual Meeting of the CUMBERLAND District will be held at OXFORD, on TUESDAY, the 18th of June, to commence at 9 o'clock, a.m.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

THE FIFTH Nova Scotia Conference, Will (D.V.) be held in AMHERST, commencing on Thursday, June 27th, 1878.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CONFERENCE.

The NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CONFERENCE of the Methodist Church of Canada, will (D.V.) be held in Sackville, commencing on Thursday, June 27th, 1878.

MARKET PRICES.

Table listing market prices for Butter, Firkins, Mutton, Lamb, Hams, etc.

BAZAAR.

THE LADIES of the Fort Louis Methodist Church, intend to hold a BAZAAR about the 1st of SEPTEMBER, in aid of the Building Fund of the Church now being erected on the site of the one destroyed by fire last October.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are solicited for a Second Hand Sunday School LIBRARY either whole or in part containing 300 BOOKS complete 127 DITTO incomplete 14 nearly complete Half Vols. Sunday at Home and Letters Hour.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.

THURSDAY, 23rd day of May, 1878. HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

ON the recommendation of the Honorable the Minister of Customs and under the provision of the 9th section of the Act passed in the Session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the 40th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 19 and entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs."

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IN THE PRESS. TO BE ISSUED IN A MONTH.

BAPTISMA: A Discussion of Biblical and Classical Baptism, exegetical and critical, and an examination of the "qualifications" of "A Review etc."

Price 75 cents. JOHN LATHERN, Charlottetown, May 10, 1878.