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OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

DEATH OF EARL RUSSELL.

DEAR MR. EDITOR, -In the fullness

of years and honours, Earl Russell has

passed away after an unusually protract-

ed and active life, spent for the greater

part in sturdy struggles for right and

freedom. His later years were spent

in comparative retirement, but he still

retained a large amount of intellectual

activity, and a deep interest in the

great questions of the day. It is scarce-

y needful to say that all England

but it was the wish of the departed no-

tions of the Russells are buried. His

public career extends over a period of

sixty years, and he has lived to see the

Working out of many great schemes for

which he earnestly contended, and to

which he bravely fought. He was

among the earliest advocates of Parlia-

mentary Reform, and enlarged repre-

sentation of the people. The abolition

of the Test Oaths, and the repeal of the

odious and humiliating disabilities un-

der which Nonconformists, were placed,

was another of the great achievements of

his early career. His efforts in the

cause of popular education must not be

forgotten. His long and useful career

embraces a momentous period of Eng-

lish history. The England of to-day is

wonderously unlike the England of 1813,

when Earl Russell entered public life.

It is fair to claim that in very much

that has been accomplished, he has had

a distinguished share and his influence

has been very beneficial. It is further

gratifying to write of him as an humble follower of Christ, deeply attached to

the ministry of God's Word; a reverent

student of Holy Scripture, and an able

writer on the Christian religion. He

will be lovingly remembered by all

ranks and his name will go down to

posterity, as one possessed of an intense love of freedom, and a strong desire to

improve the institutions of the country.

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deepest grief, and affected a large circle

Royalty and aristocracy of It isma

family greatly beloved and reported to SOME AND DISCONTENT OF OTHERS. MEETING OF WORKINGMEN AT THE DOORS OF THE CAPITOL THEIR TEE. THE FINAE ADJOURNMENT.

[From our regular Correspondent] stately German Ironclad sank, and nearly three hundred of her crew perished in the depths of the Channel. This occurred off Folkestone, on a bright and calm morning, when no danger was apprehended. A slight alteration in the course of one of the fleet, necessitated by a passing vessel, a slight error in the orders issued on board of the une fortunate vessel, and this great calamity occurred. A first-rate man of war. with a lamentable number of her crew! were thus lost within sight of the Eng lish shore and very near to the other two stately vessels forming the portion of the German fleet on its way to the Mediterrancan. The sad event called forth much sympathy in England, and has caused great grief and trouble in

ATTACKS, ON THE EMPEROR, Was Arthur longsome with no kindred of And round the golden gate so near Linger and wait her conling from the earth A second desperate attack on the life of the aged German Emperor has been, made on It was nearly proving fatal for herwas strucks by several shots, and bled profusely two feared for some days that his life was in danger, for his wounds were numerous, and, the shots cannot be all extricated out This occur, rence has occasioned profound sorrow and wide alarm. alt is feared that it is part of a deadly plot, and the work of, a bered seven, secret association formed for the destruction of the reigning family, and possibly the subversion of the government, and has a happily failed for. present, butugreat uneasiness is felt spark." Upon the adjournment of the The Imperial Government, is taking present Congress there will be many some sternly repressive measures, nor heartaches, the passage of private claims, can it be blamed. Attis difficult to understand why the nged Emperor has been/selected as the first victim, for he, is personally popular, and has done great things for his Fatherland, A little time may reveal much more, as the Government has made discoveries which are kept secret for the present. It is a cause for anxiety at home as, well as abroad, for the sad disaffection and riots in Lancashire reveal the presence in our midst of a class which in a few hours or days can be worked up into a state of phrenzy and acts of reckless

daring and wrong. INDIAN TROOPS AT MALTA. Nearly all of the 7000 soldiers which were sent from India, have arrived at Malta, and now await further orders. They are ready for an affray of some sort, and will be disappointed if it does not occour. An exhaustive debate has taken place in Parliament upon this extraordinary policy of the Government, and the majority have compactly voted mourns the death of the illustrious in favor of it. Yet it looks no better statesman. A grave in Westminster now than when it first became known. Abbey was offered by the Government, It is an intoward arrangement, and may recoil with terrible effect in India, bleman to rest in the vaults of the quiet | if ever mutiny should ever again appear. country church where so many genera- The necessity has not been proved, and the whole affair appears to be an act of bravado and threatening. The heavy cost of bringing those fellows over, and their maintenance even for a few months. is very heavy, over £700,000. This see the glorious results of victories for too has been voted, and adds another important item to England's war bills. It is worthy of record that almost the entire Liberal party and a few Conservatives, have stoutly opposed the whole THE CONGRESS

> will meet in the course of a few days, and consequently there is a feeling of strong relief, and the prospect of peace is much more hopeful. The Prime Ministers of the great European powers will attend, and the whole question will come under review and adjustment. This might have been done a year or more ago before all the blood was spilled and the treasure scattered. It is too soon to feel sanguine, or cherish buoyant hopes, for some of the men who are going to the Congress, have largely raised and shaped the difficulties of the past, and they may re-enact the same crooked policy at the great council board of Europe. The questions are so vast, the negotiations will be so precise, and many of the adjustments so

delicate, that we can only earnestly

pray for especial endowments of grace

and wisdom, to rest upon the distin-

guished arbitrators, and God in His

As the hours for adjournment of Congress are now easily counted, the legislanot be surprised if a cloud should tempor and those who profited by the illegitimate suspicion. And even prominent Repub. appearances will be against their party. chiefs, but are satisfied that the final conclusion of the investigation will be a vindication of the President's personal friends, and These remon State of the The extraordinary order of the Senate. Stabley Matthews Investigating Committee excluding all newspaper representatives except an Associated Press reporters may possibly have been given with a view to-presenting a similar occurrence to that so graphically described in Matthew xix chapter, "And there was a main named

among the Republicans; and he stood up oford the elders in the temple For 18 he had fallen into the hands of the childs remof Moab."name of he leadings a rec " And they could not see him for the Press. Pra roota prisecut etc . const This may be a practical solution of the date issued ?" dout then it's really a thing that no fellow can find outse No one but the investigators them. elves have so far been hart by the Petter Committee. General Butler has displayed unusual energy during the week in the examination of witnesses brought before him, yet nothing new has been discovered to complete the Forty fifth Congress, the which has not been reported by the press memory of which-if it be remembered at immediately after the Presidential elec-

likely to be postponed until the 20th, as ferent exter of papier-machie-in spiritual parlance, "not sufficiently materialized." it is held to be impossible to get through by Monday, the day originally fixed. or, as the gamin would say, "two thin." An audience estimated at from 3,000 to 6,000 people, the later being nearer the truth, assembled at the east front of the OUR PARIS LETTER. THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL EXHIBIT.

> MACHINES. THE FRENCH JOURNALS DIS-POSED TO BE SATIRICAL ON THE SUBJECT OF THEIR DECORATION. STREET CARS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE INFERIORITY OF AMERICAN ART. THE ENTIRE ABSENCE OF ALL WARLIKE DISPLAYS IN THIS EXHIBITION.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The day of adjournment of Congress is

ITS COMPLETENESS AND THE EXCELL-

29 Rue Caumartin, Paris. The remarkable exhibit of the Commisioner of Agriculture in the Agricultural section of the United States is now finished. Its main feature is an ingenious pentagonal structure of wood and glass, in which economy of space and effectiveness of distribution of the objects exhibited have been very successfully combined. Unfortunately the Agricultural building is too low, and the topmost pentagon almost touches the roof. The building too being small and low studded the effect of the structure is entirely marred. The contents of the cases, however, are highly satisfactory. A more complete and better arranged collection of the natural products of our country could hardly have been made. Woods, fruits, fibrous plants, and their pulps, minerals, corn, tobacco. flowers, in fact everything that the soil of the various States produces is to be found and not only for the campaign success of in the cases, fully and scientifically described, each by its separate label. There is a similar exhibit made by the Russian Agricultural department, but it is not nearly so complete or so compact and conwholly forgotten or else temporized with venient as that of the United States. The in a most pussilanimous manner, and those display of agricultural machinery, in anogentlemen, of both houses, who go to their ther part of the building, is also very fine, homes after the adjournment, must pass and it is also very evident that we will be

lightness, strength, and ingenuity. The

which the Democrats are trying to work | namentation of plows, reapers, harrows, out, and they are willing to appear at a and threshing machines. An article in a disadvantage before the country at premorning paper argued that it was evident sent rather than allow themselves to be from the gilt luxuriousness of our macentrapped in the snares of the manipula- hines, that our farmers went a field in WANTS AND CLAIMS WHAT CONGRESS tors of this investigation. The friends of kid gloves and soft raiment; not like their the administration are confident that laborers in blue blouses and wooden shoes? everything doubtful will be explained, and | The writer was not aware that the macthat President Hayes will come out all hines on exhibition here are in their holiright at the close, but the country must day attire, that they have come to Europe? and are arrayed much more gorgeously avily be thrown on the leading members than the specimens that do service at home of the administration. There was a great on the prairies. There are some excellent deal of crooked work in Florida and exhibits of plows, grain drills, and other Louisiana, especially in the latter State, agricultural appliances. Deere and Company of Maline, Illinois, the largest plow deings will be objects of a great deal of makers in the world, and whose names are associated with the earliest steel plows cans are frank enough to admit that first made in the Western States, show their celebrated "Gilpin Sulky Plow," their

· Highlander," "Prairie Queen," and also a " Walking Cultivator," which is decorated with a gold medal won at a State trial in Indiana. A remakable machine is "Faust's Hay Loader," exhibited by Stratton and Collom of Meadville. This machine is attached to the back of the waggon and will elevate a ton, of hay in five minutes. Dederick and Convosny, of Albany, exhibit a perpetual baling press. Baugh and Son, of Philadelphia show their Mills and Fertilisers. Wagons, Carriages, Stanley Matthews, which was the chief sented in the Agricultural section. Studebaker Bros., of South Bend., Ind., and Peter Schutter of Chicago, have each a good show of farm, freight, and plantation Waggons: Their wagons, however. are not of a character that it is worth while to advertise in this market, where vehicles for use in towns and cities must have very low front wheels, and be so constructed as to turn in the narrowest street. All heavy portage is effected by means of prodigious carts, drawn by large Normandy horses, sometimes as many as six harness. ed tandem. In the way of Carriages, Buggies, etc., the largest exhibit is that of Brewster and Co., of New York, it is in the main American section, and contains, besides five specimens of Buggies. and Spider Trotting Carts of the American pattern, several broughams, landous. and phaetons, built after the European style. The American street cars, models of lightness, and smooth running, are exhibited by New York and Philadelphia firms. It may be remarked here that street cars are exported from the United States, a number were on the steamer by which your correspondent sailed, inten-

> tended for the streets of Hamburg. One of the features of the U.S. section is the curious way in which exhibits are mixed: for instance Colt's pistols are in the machinery department, while Remmington's fire-arms are in the industrial section. Almost the first object that strikes one in the gallery of ailmentary products is the exhibit of a Car Wheel Co., of Wilmington Del. It is upon Agricultrial Machines and Products, and upon certain classes of Manufactured Articles, that our side of the water will have to rely for excellence. In some of these we certainly surpass all other exhibitors, but in every department of legitimate art and decoration we are far behind. In painting we are far surpassed by other countries, and I am not sure that we excel any but Prussia. who has about the poorest lot of pictures ever collected. This must be a little humiliating to that country, since it is only in the Beaux Arts department that she

> has any display at all. The visitor here will miss the military and naval warlike displays that were so conspicuous at Philadelphia. No Krupp guns, no dummy seldiers. What is the reason? Can it be that these first class military powers, with standing armies of a million of men, more or less, are sensative about showing each other their hands or, is it because they have been so long and so recently engaged that there is nothing new to learn?

THE Methodist congregation of Conestogo are making preparations to put up a new church. The Rev. E. B. Ryckman, M. A., of Guelph, President of the London Conference, was there yesterday, Monday, to assist in getting matters into proper shape to proceed at once with the satisfied constituency and a depressed sustain our reputation for cheapness, undertaking. Mr. Wright and Dr. Passmore were in town to-day to get suitable plans, and make the arrangements, so as to enable them to commence work in

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. THE END IS COMING. HAPPINESS OF

be living in the fear and service of God, and adorning the doctrine of Christ., TOTAL DEATH UPON THE SEA The week alluded to above : was one marked by many events of sorrow and loss. By an unfortunate collision a

ion now becomes more and more interesting. The disinterested visitor of the Capitol-that is, one without personal interest in any bill or measure pendingis enabled to view with unprejudiced eye the various "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain as practiced by our servants and their coadjutors. Alas! for those who are not thus disinterested, but whose present happiness or future weal depends upon some hoped-for legislation. To such an anxious watcher of events it is hard to "let patience have her perfect work' while the quibbling goes on below. A single objection kills a measure for the remaining session, and there are many in Congress upon whom the mantle of Holman (ex-member from Indiana, commonly called "The Great American Objector" seems to have fallen, not to mention the numbers with spites to gratify and axes of their own to grind; those chronically predisposed to "the contrary side," whatever it may be, and bound to thwarf every measure of the enemy, however just; and others whose breakfasts have disagreed with them, or upon whom last nights's dissapation hangs heavily, and who are consequently as cross as a school ma'am after a protracted visit from her "vital few and far between, and with no better prospects in store for the three short months of a third session yet remaining

all-will go down to posterity as a very

bungling and imperfect piece of work-

silverlined perchance, but with an indif-

Capitol, last night, to enter a protest against the adjournment of Congress without giving some material aid to the toiling masses in the fearful struggle now waged by them against enforced idleness, suffering and poverty. The passage of the eight-hour law and the repeal of the esumption act were the salient points of demonstration intended to be made, and the great number present, the earnest, manly appearance of the crowd, and the ceremonious respect paid by them to the requirements of law and propriety commanded the commendation of all who were present. The steps and portico of the main east entrance to the Capitol, and the wide open space in front far beyond were packed with people, the vast majority of whom were workingmen out of employment. Too little consideration has been given during the present session to nestions in which the masses are directly interested; questions which mean to them something more than politics. What are politics to them? They are not loaves of bread that they can eat; they are not labor-rolls on which their names are placed for daily work and daily pay; they are not offers of assistance when the wolf of hunger guards the door and baunts the hearth. Legislation should be made not only for the imposition of taxes, not only

this or that party, but also for those important questions which affect the life and well-being of the masses This species of legislation has been through the bitter ordeal born of a dis- able to distance all competitors and to

for the collection of revenues so provided

Before the Potter Committee the re- French, however, I have observed from great goodness to overrule and control ticence of Matthews and Sherman is due their Journals, are disposed to ridicule us.

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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Veterans in the cause of truth. Not weary of the toil; Vigorous and impulsive youth, The enemy to foil: Glad in fellowship to meet, And thoughts with thought in love compare Christian fellowship how sweet, When sanctified by prayer!

Mingling in devotions warm, Rich harmonies of song-Ready duty to perform, And check incipient wrong All intent-His praise-to show, Who daily saves us by his grace: Heavenly feelings gently flow, And kindle lofty praise.

If a vain aspiring thought, In word, or deed appears, Levelling influences brought. Soon quiet hopes and fears: Equals guided by a chief, Our voluntary nominee Chosen for a season brief To govern and obey.

Happy to review our toils, The work for Jesus done; Numbering gratefully the souls, For the Redeemer won: This our hearts desire and joy, Gospel holiness to increase Satan's Kingdom to destroy, And fill the world with peace.

Whither shall our footsteps tend, The Master's will to do? Lord direct us and defend Wherever we may go; Our Committees guide aright, The path of duty plainly show; In the cloudy day give light; Wisdom divine bestow.

Let not selfish arts prevail. To mar the holy cause; Never may the serpent's trail, The preacher's pathway cross Each to other preference give, According to the Pauline word All in love, as brethren live, True servants of the Lord.

Fixed localities in view, We hasten to the field; Every one a work to do, The vineyard must be tilled Glad to labor, watch and pray, Till Jesus kindly says come higher; Ready to depart or stay, His will our sole desire

G. O. H.

LETTER No. XI. Moncton, N. B., May 13, 1878. Dear Sir and Brother,—

XVI. THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

In our examination of the nature of the Covenant of the Church it seemed apparent that the Head of the church has graciously provided for the reception of infants into its discipleship by its initiatory rite. In the old dispensation male infants received circumcision, and infants male and female sometimes received baptism. In the new dispensation circumcision was practised to some extent at least, throughout the apostolic age; among the Gentiles it was finally discontinued Gentile converts embracing Christianity received baptism, and the children of all such also received this initiatory rite into the discipleship of the church.

Let us appeal to the Scriptures to ascertain whether infants are in the Covenant of the church or not, and are entitled to admission through the door to the church, and to the benefits of its nurture and admonition.

Deut. xxix. 10-12: "Ye stand this day endure, of admission to the church. all of you before the Lord your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel. your little ones, your wives.....that thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God," etc. Genesis xviii. 19, shows that the household was included. Numbers iii. 27-28, shows that infants of a month old and upwards are included in the charge of the church. Joel says: "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those that suck the breasts," (Joel i. 16) Here children of the tenderest age were recognized as members of the church. The congregation-ekklesia, the church was to be sanctified. In what way? by what rite? by what mode? was the tory rite. congregaion sanctified. They were sanctified by the sprinkling of water upon them. Sanctifying the congregation meant purifying, cleansing, setting apart from the unholy and unclean. How was this done? In from the unholy is clearly indicated: "Sprinkle water of purifying upon them." how the sanctifying of the people was done. He says Moses used both blood and water. He sanctified - purified-"purged"-baptized, "the tabernacle and and all the vessels of the ministry, and almost all things," by sprinkling them after the resurrection of Christ from the with blood, (Heb. ix, 21-22.) And he dead. sanctified "all the people," by sprinkling them "with water," (Heb. ix. 19.)

What points are indicated here? 1. All the people were sanctified. 2. The people were sanctified by the sprinkling of water upon them.

5. Among the people were many infants.

3. Paul says all the people were sprink. 4. Paul calls these sprinklings baptisms. 250,000 INFANTS BAPTIZED.

In 1 Cor. x. 1,2, it is shown that all the Israelites were baptized unto Moses. There must have been, at least two hundred and fifty thousand infants among them, when they came out of Egypt. They were neither dipped, nor plunged nor immersed. They passed "on dry ground through the midst of the sea," (Ex. xiv. 16.) "The heavens dropped" rain; "the clouds poured out water" upon them, (Ps. 77.17.) The Egyptians were immersed, but not baptized. The sprink!ed people, Paul says, were all baptized under the cloud.

Here are some important points:

1. All the people of Israel were baptised. 2. They were not immersed, nor plunged, nor dipped.

3. They were baptized by the falling 4. Many of the Egotians were immers-

ed, but there immersion was not a bap-5. Many thousands of the Israelites who

were baptised unto Moses were infants. 6. Those infants were baptized by sprinkling.

7. The baptism of the Israelites was very different in mode from the baptism of the Baptists.

OTHER INFANTS BAPTISED. The Rabbins, ancient and modern, bear testimony to the baptizing of proselytes, including infants, in the old dispensation. That the ceremony of baptizing was a prevailing custom in those times is apparent, from the question put to John, by those who were sent to him from Jerusalem: "Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not the Christ, neither Elias, neither

that prophet?" (John i. 25.) They did not inquire: What new rite is this? But why do you administer it? Lightfoot says: "The baptizing of infants was a thing as well known in the church of the Jews, as ever it has been in the Christian church." Many authorities might be quoted indicating the same truth.

INFANTS PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S BAP-TISM.

The several occasions on which Christ had contact with infants-his making them a standard of Christian character his affirming that " of such is the kingdom of heaven;" his blessing them; and his displeasure shown towards those good people who would keep infants from being brought into close relationship with Jesus; all go to show, that our Lord recognized, as still unrepealed, the provision of the covenant which entitled children to a place in the church. We should remember that Christ spoke thus concerning children as a Jew, to Jews who had always regarded infants as in church relationship with their parents. If our Saviour had intended to cut off infants from the benefits which, through the covenant, they had for ages, surely he would have given to his disciples an intimation there of. It is manifest that no such intimation was given.

Hence we may infer:

1. Christ's covenant of the church, made with Abraham, guaranteed to infants the right, while the covenant should

2. Christ virtually recognized, by what be did with infants, and what he said of infants, during his public ministry, that no change had been made or contemplated, in the relationship of infants to his church.

3. This right of infants, to discipleship in the church was recognized by the apostles, both in the circumcision of infants, and in the baptism of households, during the apostolic age.

4. There is no authority, outside of Christ, that can rightfully deprive infants of the benefits which were pledged to them in the covenant made with Abraham.

5. Infants may, therefore, be brought into the fold of the church by its initia-

6. The initiatory rite whereby persons are admitted to the church is baptism. 7. Therefore infants may be made dis-

ciples by baptism. 8. When infants were brought to Christ Numbers viii. 7, and xix. 13, the mode of he recognized them as partakers of grace. purifying the people, and separating them He blessed them in his life, and in his dysaved through his blood. He did not give fant. "Christian baptism" was not instituted until the commission was given,

INFANT INITIATION.

The believing Jews, even through all the apostolic age, circumcised their children, (Acts 15th chap. and 21st chap.) A. Campbell, an immersionist, in his work on Christian Baptism, p. 335, says: "The overt act, that he had not commanded have been resisted, with a storm of oppo-

What points are suggested by this circumcising of children, in the apostolic age, long years after the day of Pentecost? 1. The old church was not abolished though there were changes in its ritual.

2. The changes that were made did not exclude infants from the church.

3. Therefore infants are still entitled to the initiatory rite into the church. OUR AUTHORITY FOR BAPTIZING.

Our authority for baptizing either infants or adults, is the command given by Christ, just previous to his ascension into heaven: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations," by first " baptizing them" (as one of the oldest and best versions reads) ... and then "teaching them," etc. (Matt. xxviii. 19-20.) In all the New Testament writings the references to household baptisms, and church membership, are in thorough accord with the theory that infants are entitled to admission to the fold of the church.

Hence we may infer as follows: 1. Make disciples—learners, adherents of all: it is impossible to do this without making disciples of infants.

2. God has provided that persons should be made disciples-learners, adherents in infancy.

3. Being a disciple-learner, adherent, involves previous baptism.

4. Therefore infants are entitled, from the beginning of their discipleship, to its sign and seal, which is baptism with water.

5. The commission is as wide-reaching, and all-embracing, as the atonement of Christ; make disciples-learners, adherents, of all for whom Christ died; all nations; which, of course, includes all infants whom you can bring into the fold.

6. Christ died for all infants. They have been bought with his most precious blood. Therefore they are his. Bring them as early as possible into the fold. Claim them for him. Put upon them Christ's mark—his sign and seal, which | and help. is baptism with water, in the beginning of their days. Treat them as his disciciples-learners, adherents; and train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

INFANTS FORBIDDEN.

The most formidable objection urged against infant baptism is that it is no where "expressly commanded" in the New Testament. The weakness of this numerary life, it was his pleasure fre- "all who love the Lord Jesus Christ point will appear if we remember that quently to give it his presence and both theirs and ours." Surveying in there are many things that may rightly be done that are not expressly commanded in the Scriptures.

1. There is no mention made in the New Testament of women taking the Lord's Supper. We think there are good reasons why women should take the Lord's Supper, as there are good reasons why infants | the uniformly exemplary life which preshould be baptized. But Baptist logic would exclude them.

2. There is no record that John the baptizer was ever baptized.

3. It is not expressly mentioned that John ever baptized a woman, or boy, or

4. It is not said that "the twelve" ever baptized a woman, or boy, or girl, and yet Baptists do this, without any express command, or apostolic example. 5. There is no record that any of the

seventy disciples were baptized.

6. There is no record that ever any one was baptized by them. 7. There is no record that shows that Ananias, who baptized Paul, was himself

8. There is no record of the baptism of the seven deacons.

9. Hence we are not to infer that because certain things are not "expressly" mentioned, therefore they never trans-

10. The genius of the New Testament requires of us many things that are not "expressly commanded," such as Sabbath Schools, Bible Societies, Temperance organizations, etc.

INFANTS BAPTIZED BY THE FATHERS. The testimony of the Fathers of the early church, in reference to infant baptism, was clear, and their practice was thoroughly in accord with the requirements of the Scriptures. Justin Martyr, who wrote about forty years after the apostolic age, speaks of some who must ing on the cross. They as a class are have received baptism in infancy, before the death of the apostle John. Irenaus, Paul in Hebrews (9th chap.) also indicates to them, when brought to him, the symborn while the apostle John was still livbolical baptism with water, because that ing, testifies to the fact of infant baptism baptism with water had not then been in the church. Origen, a learned Father, required of any person, either adult or in- born in the year 185, speaks of infant baptism as universally prevailing. Tertull. ian, born in 160, found infant baptism a universal practice in the church. council of sixty-six bishops, one hundred and fifty years after John's death, in the year 254, found infant baptism prevailing universally throughout the Christian world. Infant baptism has been an ordinance of the church in all the intermediate ages. If infant baptism had not prevail believing Jews down to the end of the ed in apostolic times, and come down from New Testament history circumcised their | the apostolic days, its introduction, as a children. Paul publicly declared, by an new doctrine, and a radical change, would

The following points are suggested: 1. Infant baptism prevails in the Christian church to-day.

2. Infant baptism has prevailed in the Christian church, in all ages, since the time of the Fathers.

3. Infant baptism was the faith of the martyrs. 4. Infant baptism was practised in the

catacombs. 5. Infant baptism was taught and practised by the Fathers who immediately succeeded the apostles.

6. Hence we may infer that infant baptism, was the practice of the church, in the days of the apostles.

7. Infant discipleship existed in the church two thousand years before the time of Christ.

8. Infant discipleship has existed in the church, nearly two thousand years since. 9. If there is any force in the theory of the survival of the fittest," the recognition

of the discipleship of infants in the church will probably continue for some ages to

Yours, &c. D. D. CURRIE.

THE REV. WILLIAM McCARTY. There have already appeared in the WESLEYAN several short notices of the death and life of him whose name heads these lines, but largely because of that very fact no extended notice has thus far appeared. While we could wish that this task were undertaken by one who had the advantage of a longer friendship, it is to us a privilege to be permitted to twine a wreath. however plainly it be done, for the memory of him who has been to us class-leader and pastor, by whom we were introduced into the ministry, who was our first Superintendent, first chairman of District and ever " a father in the ministry" in affectionate counsel

The Rev. Wm. McCarty was born in the city of St. John, in May 1816, and died in the town of Digby on the 17th of November, 1877. He was from earliest years a member, and for years, an active and successful teacher in the Germain St. Sabbath school, and with maternal regard for the institution hallowed by tenderest youthful associations, while enjoying the rest of supercounsel. All that we know about his conversion is, that he remained under conviction for about a year, and that under a sermon preached by Dr. Wood he was able to enter into the liberty of a child of God. Though the change was so gentle as that its results were scarce perceived by others because of ceded it, it was distinct to him, and he could do what every Christian ought to be able to do, tell the time when, and the place where he first knew that there was lifted upon him the light of God's countenance. But most convincing were the evidences in the life of the change in the heart. Before there was ever the high moral character, now there is the wrestling of a spirit that knows God and desires to know him more fully. Often, he has told us, used he to get away into the storeroom, and behind bales of goods where no eye save One could see and pour out his soul in prayer. We may without much spiritual life engage in a sort of prayer at stated times, but when from the busi: ness of the day one is impelled to retirement there must be a sharp appetite, a strong felt need, a longing after God. This sure evidence to himself, gave equally convincing evidence to others, in his earnest unwearying effort for their salvation. Specially remembered in this connection, are the cottage prayer-meetings, at this time undertaken, with results that did much in shaping St. John Methodism. Concerning this period of his life Dr. Wood writes: "From the time he was converted to God he was a consistent and devoted member of the church, distinguished for his humility, spiritual-mindedness, and observance of all the ordinances and means of grace. From the first start in the Christian race he gave promise of successfully obtaining a prize of no ordinary lustre. These early indications have been fully realized.' Having for a year exercised his gifts as Exhorter, he was received as Local Preacher, and in the preaching places round about St. John was made very useful. The ever-important question

of Conference to candidates: Has he

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the growth of our work and its pioneer

character at that time. Thence he went

lowing circuits: Maitland, Guysboro'. Wallace, Amherst, Digby, Aylesford Moncton, Sussex and Bear River. On this last circuit his health failed. After a year's rest he returned to his loved employ at Dorchester, but his term of service then finished his active work, and he settled as supernumerary in St. John. On all these circuits he had seals to his ministry, in Guysboro, Wallace and Digby particularly. The Wal. lace revival, besides giving to the church very many who in other spheres of usefulness have adorned the doctrines of their Saviour, also gave some faithful and eminently successful ministers. The influence of the revival in Digby is widely felt to-day in persons now seemingly indispensable in the church. who then found pardon in Christ. From the confusion of the St. John fire he sought quiet there. This last trial of his life, being deprived of his comfort able home where he had hoped to enjoy life's evening, was borne as by one whose house cannot be touched. When sym. pathized with by a friend, he replied in lines of his favorite hymn.

We have a house above, Not made with mortal hands. And firm as our Redeemer's love, That heavenly tabric stands.

On the first Sabbath in October in the Digby church he preached his last sermon from a text whose truth had been the inspiration of his life, "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." He was but permitted to return from taking part in the marriage ceremony of his son, when quietly the messenger came to summon to the faithful servant's rest. A short time before the end he said to her who so anxiously waited upon him, "I have no fear of death. I am in the Lord's hand waiting his will." Without any other indications of the end than growing weakness, of him it may most literally be written, In Jesu Christo obdormivit Any words of high flown eulogy would ill accord with a life so retiring, would be as painful to him as unnecessary to the reader, since "his works follow him." The life has ts own voice, the character unvarying through half a century piety ever unimpeached, faithful and earnest in the work of life, warmly attached to his own church, a lover of its polity, a careful student of its theology, yet with warmest sympathies for its completeness the finished life, we would from it gain fresh determination to be as worthy when our life's day shall have closed, to hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

#### INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN LUKES GOSPEL.

C. 4. LESSON I. BIRTH OF CHRIST THE LORD; or, The Glad Tidings. Luke 2. 8-20. July 7.

EXPLANATORY. VERSE 8. SAME COUNTRY. The word neighbourhood would more precisely express the meaning; for it refers to the pasture-fields near Bethlehem. Shepherds. For the high honor of receiving the first news of the greatest event in earth's history, God selects not eminent priests, or learned philosophers, or noble princes, but plain men of secular life; workers, plying their vocation. Thus does God ennoble honest toil. There is an ancient legend of one of the saints who vainly sought for God in self-torture, and acts of devotion, but received a revelation from on high while engaged in weaving the cloth for his garment. (1) Good comes to men in the daily walks of life. Abiding in the field. In Oriental countries shepherds remain with their flocks at night upon the pasture ground, sleeping and watching by turns. Keeping watch. "Watching by sections;" to guard their flock from robbers and wild beasts, and to keep them from straying.

9. Angel of the Lord. (2) The king of heaven even in his earthly humiliation has heavenly attendants. An angel had predicted to Mary his coming: angels comforted him in his temptation at the beginning of his ministry; and in his agony at the close an angel rolled away the stone from his sepulchre, and a host of angels accompanied him home to the skies. Came upon them. A sudden appearance; literally, "burst upon them." Glory of the sent to the Petitcodiac circuit, a circuit | Lord. A divine radiance, such as appear 70 miles in length, travelled on horse- ed in all heavenly manifestations from back, a circuit including what is now Sinai to the revelation of St. John. (3) the Moncton, Coverdale, Hillsboro', Sal- Hew glorious must he be, whose servally are thus appareled? Sore afraid. (14) Even good men fear when heavenly being are suddenly revealed to them. No human heart can be brought face to face with DeWolfe on the Charlottetown cir-Ordained in 1849 and mar- tain is lifted.

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a pattern for all heavers."—Van Oosterzee. Fear not. He who has excited their fear now llays it by his assuring words. (5) The Gospel message first comes to alarm men, and then to bring peace to troubled souls. Good tidings of great joy. No more glad news can break upon mortal ears than that the Son of God has come to save men; the chains of sin are broken; the kingdom of God is established among men. (6) Let us bear the message to others with radiant faces and joyous words, not with sad countenances. To all people. Literally. "to all the people." The Jewish race is here intended. Not until afterward was the message broadened out to mebrace all the world.

11. UNTO YOU. What the shepherds received as to them, we may take to ourselves. (7) Every man now may hear the voice "to you." Even a sinner can say, "He is the Saviour of all;" but none save the saint can say, "a Saviour of me." [Teacher, urge an individual appropriation of Christ and his salvation.] Born this day. They had looked centuries long for a king, and now comes the strange announcement of him as a new-born babe! City of David. A term applied to the village of Bethlehem, as the birthplace of the greatest among Israel's kings. David's greater son begins his earthly career in his ancestor's home. Seven hundred Messiah's birth at Bethlehem. (Mic. 5, 2.) (8) God watches over h.s world, and in the fulness of time sends his Redeemer; and he watches over his word, and surely brings it to pass. A Saviour. The best and most precious title of our Lord is that which announces his mission "to seek and save that which was lost." Christ the Lord. "Christ" is the Greek word, equivalent to "the Anointed One."

12. A sign. Not a sign to strengthen their faith, for none was asked or needed; but a token whereby they could distinguish the Saviour from other infants. The babe. " 'A babe." The son of God and Saviour of men a helpless infant! Nothing could more thoroughly prove his humanity, his humility and his sympathy with us in every state and every stage of our being Wrapped in swaddling clothes. Not garments, but bands folded around his little body. Lying in a manger, A lowly place for one so noble; far more fitting would seem a royal couch in a palace. But God reveals his son as one who not only shares our nature, but its lowest estate, so that the humblest and poorest may freely seek him. The birth of Christ foretokened his after treatment. He lay in the manger because there was no room for him in the inn. Crowded out of the highest place, which is his by royal right, he has ever since been compelled to take whatever is left for him by human selfishness. (9) Even yet the hearts of men have scarcely found room for Jesus. "The great world is very much like that inn at Bethlehem, preoccupied, crowded full in every part, so that, as the mother of Jesus looked up wistfully to the guest chambers that cold night, drawing her holy thing to her bosom, in like manner Jesus himself stands at the door of these multitudes, knocking vainly, till his head is filled with dew, and his locks are wet with the drops of the night."—Bushnell.

13, 14. A MULTITUDE. "An angel in the gallery of the firmament."-Whedon. Glory to God in the highest. Meaning 1. Glory of the highest degree. 2. Glory from the highest order of creation. 3. Glory to God, the highest over all. (10) The most glorious gem in the crown of God's attributes is his love to fallen man. On earth peace. Far down the ages these choristers behold the results of the Gospel: between God and man the peace of reconciliation and pardon; between man and man, the peace of a common love to Christ binding hearts in unity. As a beautiful illustration of God's providence, it was noted that Christ was born during that brief time in the centuries of Roman history while the temple of Janus, in the imperial city, was closed, as a token that peace reigned throughout all the world-God stilled the din of arms long enough for the Prince of peace to appear. Goodwill to men. Our God is not the Hindu deity Kali, delighting in the blood of men; nor Buddha, in eternal sleep, careless of the world; nor Jupiter, rioting in leasts on Olympus, while the nations war on the earth; but he is a loving Father, with benign regard for the happiness of his children. The Latin version of this clause reads, "peace to men of good will," that is, to those who are willing to have peace with God.

15. ANGELS WERE GONE. The brightest visions must soon fade away, and leave us DIAN REMEDIES.—A wholesale iron merwith the rugged realities of duty. (11) Our life is to be spent not on transfigured heights, but wrestling and witnessing for lately got his ankle sprained and knowing God among men. Let us now go. The latter part of the verse shows that this is the truth of the celestial message, but of plaint who found similar results from its ardent faith, eager not only to hear but to use.

is a model for all preachers, the shepherds see. (12) Let us follow these shepherds in the determination to enjoy to the highest our privilege of knowing, as well as learning about Jesus. Bethlehem. "House of bread." One of the oldest villages in Palestine, known as Ephrath or Ephratah during the life-time of Jacob, and long afterward occasionally called by the same name. (Micah 5, 2.) It is situated in the tribe of Judah, six miles south of Jerusalem. Though a small town, it was famous in Old Testament history as the residence of Naomi, Boaz, and Ruth, and the birthplace of King David For eighteen centuries the interest of the earth has centered in it as the place near or in which Christ was born. A cave, presumed by many to be the spot of the Incarnation, is still shown near its wall. It is now Beitlahm, a town of three thousand inhabitants, all Greek Christians, and in aspect to comfort and cleanliness far superior to most Oriental villages.

16. CAME IN HASTE. "Those that left their beds to tend their flocks, leave their flocks to find their Saviour. (13) No earthly thing is too dear to be forsaken for Christ."-Bishop Hall. Mary. The mother of Jesus. She was a descendent of King David, and lived in humble circumstances at Nazareth, in Galilee, While a maiden, betrothed to Joseph, a carpenter, she received a divine intimation that of her should be born the Saviour of the world. years before the prophet had predicted The prophecy was accomplished while she was at Bethlehem, having journeyed thither with her husband for enrollment in the census of the Roman empire. After the flight to Egypt and return to Nazareth few details of her history are known. Twice she appears incidentally in the life of Jesus, and as a witness of his death when she was intrusted to the care of the apostle John. The last mention of her "Messiah" in Hebrew, and meaning name occurs previous to the transactions of the day of Pentecost. It is probable that she died at Jerusalem, or possibly at Ephesus, after the apostle's removal to that city, Joseph. The husband of Mary, and reputed father of Jesus. None of the events of his life are positively known, except those briefly recorded in the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke. It is supposed that he died before Christ's publie ministry began. Manger. This may refer to that part of the khan or inn usually given to the cattle; the guest-chambers being full on account of the influx of strangers for enrollment. Or it may mean an outhouse attached to the home of some peasant near by. Often in the Orient the quarters for cattle are found under the same roof with the family-rooms, though separated by a stone partition. Mangers in the East are built of stone and mortar, and even now furnish comfortable cribs for children in the warm nights of sum-

17, 18. MADE KNOWN. (14) Those who have heard the glad tidings of salvation, and tasted its sweetness, cannot refrain from carrying the news to others. [Teacher, recommend your class to be messagebearers for Jesus.] Wondered. The shepherds believed, the hearers wondered; but wonder and admiration will never

19, 20. MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS. A true mother, she treasured up all these significant events concerning her child; silently weighing them, and dreaming of great results in the coming years. (15) Thoughtful, careful mothers have much to do with the destiny of sons. Returned, Their mission was accomplished. They could serve God among the sheep better than elsewhere. (16) Secular life, as well as sacred, has its privileges of holiness, and opportunities for doing good.

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WESLEYAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1878.

EDITORIAL DIFFICULTIES.

This week, by a strange combination of afflictions, our columns are deprived of their usual quota of editorial matter. The Editor, after almost closing the business of the Halifax District, was arrested by a sharp attack of Pleurisy on Friday morning last. Through God's good providence, and the faithful attention of his nearest brethren, the disease was prevented from gaining headway, so that convalescence ensued earlier than was feared. On Saturday, Mr. Huestis, of the Book Room, was summoned by telegraph to see one of his chi dren, in the country, affected by diphtheria. His sister was, at the same time, prostrated, at the Editor's residence, by a severe affection of the eyes; while, to crown the complication of troubles, Rev. S. F. Huestis returned from District to endure the effects of a rather serious Influenza. It was very saddening to find, on our return from Wolfville, where the Halifax District was in session, that a nephew of the Editor, whom he had helped last autumn to nurse through an almost hopeless disease, was again in the grasp of the same enemy, and an urgent call bad been made for a visit of sympathy.

Such is life, and such the strength of which we are so apt to boast! Powerless, indeed, are the best energies and skill of mankind, when disease stretches out its hand and touches: the strongth

Our readers will, we are sure, overlook the absence of editorial matter. this week, when the circumstances are considered, and especially with so full a compliment of original contributions.

During the Editor's absence at the Conferences, every effort will be made to keep the WESLEYAN supplied with reports of proceedings

session began at Wolfville; on Wednesday last at 2 pl mil with a full attendance of members. This District, always large, and intelligent, was this tyes, that the coming men were W. S. Griffin made quite imposing by the presence of for President, and George H. Cornish so many excellent laymen. Discussions were ofrequent; animated, and son varies ous topics. Notwithstanding, the work. of the District was fairly completed. excepting a few details, by Thursday night. Friday was given to examinations, and returning home.

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The principal question for the laity was that of elections. These resulted in an almost unanimous choice of Dr. Allison, Hon. S. L. Shannon, and Jas. B. Morrow, Esq., for General Conference, with A. McN. Patterson, Lsq. A.M., for the Missionary Board.

### LONDON CONFERENCE.

A splendid ride of one hundred and ten miles over the Canada Southern Railroad, brought your correspondent from his home in the furthermost town in Southwestern Canada to the seat of the London Conference, the thrifty and beautiful town of St. Thomas. The town gives evidence on every side of the new life and blood which has been imported into it during the past six years by two new lines of railway passing through it. It has all the features of an embryo city, and boasts of sixthousand inhabitants; and although one of the oldest towns of the pening sula, all its public buildings, and most of its stores are quite new. Among the most conspicuous ornaments of the town is the St. George Street Methodist Church, in which the Conference assembled, besides which, we have a second church at the East End, the pastors of for a younger brother, who by sixteen liams, and T. S. Cellins.

As we entered the vestibule of the Charch the sonorgus voice of the Rev. Alex. Langford, leading the assembled Conference in prayer fell on our ears, comprehensive in range, beautiful in expression, and tich in unction was that the offending brother. opening prayer; and we felt that the

past ages have handed down and imrosed upon the Church, to give expression to its felt necessities in prayer. Nor could we fail to believe that a Conference thus opened had already secured large measure of promise of divine ter.

On entering the church it seemed full. On the platform were the Rev. James Gray in the chair, on his right ex-Presiderts Dr. Sanderson and Williams, the last of whom had just received from the University of Victoria College his well earned title of D.D. On the President's left was the retiring Secretary, Rev. Mr. Clarkson. The roll was called and one hundred and seventy answered to their names, and it was evident that nearly one hundred more were present. By a large majority vote the Rev. E. B. Ryckman, M. A., was elected to the President's chair. On coming forward he affected no modesty, he frankly told us that while he had not sought the office he was not surprised. Kindly intimations had been given him frequently of the brethren's intentions to do him the honor. He was not insensible to the honor thus conferred upon him, it was exceedingly gratifying to him; he had loved Methodism from his youth; he was born of Methodist stock, and had always looked up to the chair of the Methodist Conference as one of the highest positions a person could occupy. Mr. R., though somewhat venerable in appearance from the premature whitening of his hair, belongs to the younger men of the Conference. He owes much of his popularity to his early college career, both as student and professor, during which he won the love of the students, many of whom are now found in our ministerial ranks. This is the first occasion on which the Church has honored Victoria University by conferring her-highest office upon one of its graduates. And as a native born Canadian Mr. R, has had but few predecessors, will address of the worldto A add "

Mr. Wakefield was elected Secretary -somewhat older than the President. HALIFAX DISTRICT. -- The annual he wears a more youthful appearance. One of the most successful werkers in the ministry, he is also one of the most popular préachers. The votes indicated for Secretary.

The report of the Transfer Committee was oread and the name of Leonard Gaetz was introduced, and by the vote of the Conference he took his seat as a member mongrus ? heartily is he welcomed, and John Street, Hamilton, is to be congratulated on having secured the services of one whose reputation

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted.

"This Conference desires to express and place on record the esteem in which the Rev. James Gray is held by this body, and also our appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered to the Conference during the term of his Presidency, and we tender him our hearty thanks for the zeal and devotion which have marked the discharge of all his presidential duties."

Rev. T. L. Wilkinson and James Harris were appointed as Conference reporters for our Connexional organs. The Christian Guardian and the WES-LEYAN. I believe this is the first time in which the WESLEYAN has been thus acknowledged and honored by any of Western Conferences—a few years ago it was almost unknown in the Westbut it is, we are glad to know, beginning to take its proper place in our

A Committee on Nominations was balloted for, and Revs. Dr. Rice, Dr. Williams, Wm. Williams, W. S. Griffin and James Gray were appointed.

The afternoon Session was almost wholly occupied by a painful case of discipline, and the brethren were greatly divided between their sympathies these churches are Revs. Jno. A. Wil- years of most exemplary conduct and ministerial fidelity, had won for him a high place in the esteem of all who knew him, and then our fidelity to the purity of the Christian ministry. The result was the disposition from the ministry, and expulsion from the Church of Dr. McDonald's address, that a five

Another case of discipline, in which the first Methodist Church in Japan, time has not yet come (and may it one who had been frequently admonish and which amounted to nearly \$200. Conference.

have recourse to the formularies which suspected of continuing the practice of tippling, detained the Conference on the following day for many hours, and resulted in his name being left off the minutes, and the Chairman requested more fully to investigate into the mat-Knowing that your readers did not

require a minute detail of Conference

proceedings, but a general account of the whole, we resolved immediately upon our appointment, to attempt to give them a digest of the whole, and as far as possible, give them an inside view of the London Conference while in session. A leading feature has been the prominence which has been given to our Sunday School work. Wednesday evening was devoted to a public meeting of the Conference S. S. Society in Grace Church, it was the first public meeting of the Conference, and was not only well attended, but was very enthusiastically spoken of, and the cause of Sunday School instruction received a strong impetus. Normal Classes, conducted by Bros. Alfred Andrews and W. C. Henderson, were held frequently in the morning, and sometimes attended by over seventy of the preachers. The meeting of the Educational Society on Thursday evening was the best we have ever attended. Nobly did Professor Burwash advocate the claims of our candidates to the highest culture the Church could give, while he showed that so far from unfitting them for the roughest of rough work in the ministerial field, they are to-day to be found on our most inhospitable missions, and performing labors and suffering hardships to which even our pioneer fathers were strangers. Three years in circuit work followed by three years of collegiate special training seems o be the present aim. The Rev. Leonard Gaetz followed in a racy and eloquent address, and was much applauded. Of the great meeting on Friday evening for the reception of candidates, it is not too much to say that it was never exceeded by any previous meeting of a imilar character. The experiences of the candidates, and the maddresses of Revs. Ryckman, Clarkson, Dr. Rice and A. Sutherland, sustained and carried on the interest to the very last. The Sabbath Services, from the Love Feast to the concluding services of the evening, were simply glorious in their tide of divine presence and power. So testified those who attended them. For ourselves, duty seemed to point in the direction of a motherless family and a home pulpit. We however reached Conference again-thanks to the age of steam in time for the opening session on Monday The report of the Statistical Committee that there was a net increase of \$2,219 on all the Connexional funds, and of 500 in the membership of the Church, was received with thank, fulness. We had trembled lest, and and many woefully expected a decrease in the members. The great districts in the East had heavy decreases, but the Western ones brought up the number, counterbalanced the defalcations, and placed the Conference figures in the right column. Never was there such a thorough sifting of the question, "Who are superannuated," as this year, the result will be very beneficial, and has already placed some in "effective ranks." Strong things were said by Dr. Ryerson upon men who did not retain their zeal in the work, and for whom it was almost impossible to find a circuit, and who, in consequence, though in health and strength, were superannuated; for himself, he declared he never had and never would take anything out of the fund, and he had no sympathy with that class who were well off, and yet who drew annually large sums from it. There are 43 claimants on the fund in this Conference, The Missionary meeting on Monday evening was one of rare interest. Rev. Amos E. Russ was there to tell us in his own humorous and eloquent style of the "Grease trail" of British Columbia, North of Fort Simp son. Dr. McDonald was there to tell us of the marvellous history of Japan and its missions. Louis Beaudry was

there to thrill us with his brief but elo-

quent address on our French work.

Such was the enthusiasm produced by

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never come) when Methodism must ed in past years, was yet more than It was proposed to call it after this The Missionary meeting was followed by a Session of Conference, at which the Stations were read, and the Chairmen were elected. Tuesday evening brought together the Lay and Clerical representatives of the Contingent Fund Committee-before which your correspondent had to go to represent the district. It was a painful thing, to compare the very urgent claims made for assistance, with the very limited means in the hands or at the disposal of the Committee. About \$2,800 was the sum total-\$1,400 were required for special cases of affliction, leaving similar sum to be divided among the districts.

The temperance meeting that evening was one of the best we ever attended, and wound up with a most humorous, earnest, and reloquent address from

Dano Playes, Esq., of Brantford. The great feature of Wednesday, the last day of Conference, was the election of delegates to the General Conference. Everybody wanted to be elected, and there was much "If you'll vote for me I will for you." The final result, after no less than three or four ballotings, was quite disappointing to not a few who wanted to serve the Church by going to Montreal next September, but who, with your correspondent were elected to stay at home. The Conference at Toronto assembling this morning, mutual messages were exchanged by telegraph. Our own Conference continued its sessions until nearly midnight. A nice point came up for settlement at this last session. Two districts had been divided, how was the district to be represented by a layman in the Missionary Committee. It was decided that he must be elected at the Financial District Meeting. I should have said that a large part of Tuesday, was taken up in Conference in considering recommendation from districts for legislation at ensuing General Conference! but not being present we cannot correctly report the proceedings. It was resolved to hold the next Conferres Yours. ence in London.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE TINAL DRAFT

OF THE STATION SHEET. REV. G. S. MILLIGAN, PRESIDENT. ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

St. John's.-Job Shenton, Char Ladner. Wm. Kendall, one to be sent. Thomas Fox, Supernumerary. "G.S. Milligan, M.Al, President: Burin - Solomon Matthews alled Grand Bank. John Reay, Fortune. - Jabez Hill.

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HOME MISSIONS St. Pierre. - One wanted. Kartune Bay-One wanted: Flat Islands. James Wilson Sound Island .- One to be sent. Flower Cove .- One to be sent. St. Anthony.—One to be sent. Bonne Bay .... One to be sent.

Labrador.—Red Bay-J. P. Bowell. II.—CARBONEAR DISTRICT. 5.—Carbonear.—John Goodison, Joseph A. Jackson, Joseph S. Peach, Supy. 16.—Harbor Grace.—James Dove. 17.—Brigus.—Jos. Pascoe, W. E. Shen-

stone, Supernumerary. Cupids.—George Boyd—brethren on Brigus and Cupids Circuits to exchange once in 6 weeks. Bay Roberts.-F. G. Willey.

Black Head -Jeremiah Embree. Western Bay. -R. W. Freeman. Island Cove.—Thomas H. James Old Perlican .- George H. Bryant. Hants Harbor.—Charles Myers.

### HOME MISSIONS.

Port de Grave.—One to be sent. Hearts Content, -Jesse Heyfield. Trinity.-Anthony Hill. Random North .- Henry C. Hatcher. Random South.—Edgar Taylor to reside at Northern Bight. 30. Green's Harbor. George Paine.

III.—BONAVISTA DISTRICT. 31. Bonavista.—Thomas Harris. Catalina.—Joseph Parkins. Greenspond -Joseph Lister-one to

34. Twillingate -William Swann. Exploits .- John Pratt HOME MISSIONS

Musgrave Town-Samuel Snowdon. Musgrave Harbor.-Robert Bramfitt. Fogo.—Thomas H. Athinson. Herring Neck and Change Islands -Thomas C. Eland.

40. Moreton's Harbor.—James Nurse. Little Bay Island-Wm. Jennings. Bett's Cove and \ Jas. B. Heal. George Bullen. G. B. Bond, A. B., has permission of Conference to rest.

Students in Theology.-Henry Lewis. W. B. Seccombe, W. H. Eddyvean, W.

S. B. Dunn transferred to Nova Scotia

A CHARGE

DELIVERED BY REV. JOHN GOODISON, EX. PRESIDENT OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE ORDINATION OF NINE YOUNG MIN. ISTERS, AT WHOSE BEQUEST IT IS

Allow me my dearly beloved brethren to congratulate you upon the very success. ful termination of your probationary course, and also for the position in which you are now found. No doubt you have, during your probation, often anxiously looked forward to this solemn moment On many occasions you have been almost inclined to give up the contest, and retire from the field of action. At other times you have been cheered by the many bright examples of those who have preceded you in that ministry into which you have just been inducted by the solemn imposition of hands. And throughout the whole of vour probationary course we trust, nay we have every reason to believe that you have been sustained, comforted and directed by Him who when on earth solemnly impressed upon the minds of his disciples, Without me ye can do nothing." I there fore rejoice with you that the goal has been reached, and that you are now to go forth into the world duly accredited ministers of the Church of Christ.

I need not inform you dear brethren that the office of a minister of Christ is one of the most important, responsible and arduous ever engaged in by mortal man. It is important inasmuch as the Christian minister is one who standeth "in the stead of Christ" to be seech men to be reconciled to God. Its responsibility is evident when you consider that the eternal destinies of those over whom the Lord is pleased to place him are committed to his charge, and that he must watch over them as one that must give account at the last day. It is an "arduous" office because entrusted to him are the sacred and mysterious truths which are contained in God's Holy Word, in order that he may so dispense the word of life as not only to: meet with the Divine approval, but also that the skirts of his garments may be clear of the blood of all men. Thus from whatever standpoint we view that sacred office to which you have this night been publicly set apart, you cannot but perceive how necessary it is for you to be men full of faith, and of the Holy Ghost. And And

As it is then our duty to address you on this occasion in order that you may mere fully realize, your sacred position, and shate you may be gracionaly assisted in your endeavors to consecrate yourselves fully and unreservedly to the service and glory of God, we shall, as the foundation of any remarks we have to make upon this solemn odcasion take the 15th verse of the second Epistle to Timothy as our text and may the Divine and ever blessed and Holy. Spirit of God which proceedeth; from the Father and the Son graciously assist us in

BRETHREN BE SEATED.

2nd Tim. 2nd chap. 15th verse: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of atruth?"

These very impressive words are part of a charge delivered by the apostle Paul to Timothy, Both in this and the preceding Epistle the apostle urges upon him whom he designates "kis own son in the Gospel" the great necessity of deeply considering the very important position he was then occupying in the Church of Christ. And in both these Epistles he gives him such advice as has been made a lasting blessing to those placed in circumstances like those in which you are found to night. He gives him to understand that such honor was not God's gaft to all his servants, and that those to whom this trust was committed were specially called and qualified by the Great Head of the Church to this important office, and he also informs him in the language of our text that it was expected of all such persons that they would, Study to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of

Before presenting yourselves as candidates for ordination in the Christian ministry we presume that you have fully weighed the whole matter in your own minds, and that you are thoroughly convinced that you have been called by the Great Head of the Church to this high and sacred office. The answers you have given to the questions proposed by the President of the Conference leads to this conclusion. The apostles of our Lord were raised up, and sent forth by CHBIST HIMSELF to teach and to preach the Gospel. And He has not delegated that power to any creature under heaven. He still and will ever remain the Head over all things to His church. Yea, he is the church's living Head and He liveth for evermore. It is then He who by his Holy Spirit that still calls and qualifies His servants for this important office. A call to the work of the ministry is Divine in its nature. A mere human call is not sufficient authority. In the examination of persons who present themselves for Deacon's orders in the Church of England the candidate is asked this very im portant question: "Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you this office and ministration, to serve God for the promoting of His glory and the edifying of his people And the person so addressed solemnly answers " Litrust so." And this we trust is the case with your Nay we have every reason to believe that your hearts have been thus drawn to take upon you his holy ministration and that you have heard

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in unmistakeable accents, "Go work in my vineyard." If this is the case brethren then the text we have chosen will be congenial to your present feelings and it will we have no doubt be your earnest desire throughout the whole course of your ministry, whether that ministry be long or short to "Study to show yourselves approved unto God, to become workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

There are we think three things required by the apostle for Timothy to do in this text. And these three things we think it would be well for you to take heed thereunto. 1st. To show himself approved unto God. 2nd. To become a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and 3rdly. To rightly divide the word of truth. St. Paul urges Timothy

(Conclusion next week.)

CUMBERLANDSDISTRICT MEETING.

DEAR BRO. - The Cumberland District met at the thriving village of Oxford, on Tuesday morning, the 18th inst.

Nearly all the brethren were present at the commencement of the sessions, together with a pretty full representation of laymen from the different circuits and missions. The question of character occupied a considerable part of the first session. The financial and spiritual returns showed that great activity has prevailed in all the departments of our work during the past year. Notwithstanding the dullness of the times and the great scarcity of money the financial returns of most of the circuits and missions were considerably in advance of last year. Some of the missions show a determination, if possible, in a short time, to reach an independent position. This is as it should be. Several of the brethren have been cheered by large ingatherings during the past year, while some have been without tokens of the Master's presence and approval. Still, the returns show a decrease in the membership of eighty-three. This is largely the result of the faithfulness and conscientiousness of many of the brethren in refusing to return the names of those who are not giving evidence, according to the teachings of the Bible, and the requirements of our church discipline, of their desire to flee from the wrath to come.

Bro, Lane, who has traveled four years was unanimously recommended to the Conference to be received into full connection and ordained. Three young men opened by the urgent requests of the peopresented themselves as candidates for our work, and passed a creditable examination, viz: Dancan, Glendenning, and Dawson. The latter is a graduate from Sackville, and came recommended from the Tryon circuit, P. E. Island, bearing with him excellent testimonials from brethren in the New Brunswick Confer-

The Educational Meeting was a grand success. The claims of this department of our work were ably advocated by the Chairman, and the brethren Daniel and Johnson, and nobly responded to by the congregation.

An interesting Temperance meeting was held in connection with the sessions. In which the brethren Sutcliffe. Lane and Mack took part.

The laymen made an excellent selection to represent them in the coming General Conference, in the persons of A. B. Black of Amherst, and W. B. Huestis, of Wallace. Bro. Mack was elected representative to Sabbath School Committee, and W. Oxley lay representative to Missionary Committee.

The District closed in the usual form on Thursday evening, the 20th. Yours,

Wallace, June 21, '78.

GUYSBORO' AND C. B. DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Guysboro' and Cape Breton District was held at Sydney on June 11th, and was attended by all the ministers of the District; also by lay representatives from the Sydney, Port Hawksbury and Gabarus circuits. Rev. E. E. England was elected Secretary. Rev. J. Cassidy, our esteemed Chairman, presided, and with a hearty cheerfulness, associated with deep devotion and brotherly affection to all, led the District through five sessions to its close on Wednesday evening. On Tuesday evening the circuit's Educational Meeting was held. Addresses were given by Revs. E. E. England, J. R. Borden, J. B. Hemmeon, and J. M. Fisher. A large, attentive audience, and receipts much in advance of last year, showed the circuit's increasing interest in our educational matters. On Wednesday evening public service was

conducted by Rev. J. M. Fisher. The finances of the District were found to be behind last year. The brethren, already down to low figures, cannot but teel the extra burden somewhat severely. A careful examination showed the in-

the nward voice of the Holy Ghost saying cuits. Several new churches are in course parting with the friends at Escuminac. of erection.

Much regret was felt by the brethren regular work of Rev. W. A. Bennett, B.A., who had served the probationary four years, and was therefore on the eve of ordination. This young brother, so highly educated, and so deeply devoted in his Christian life, has endeared himself to his people, and to the brethren of the District who were privileged with his acquaint. ance. The District entered a resolution in its minutes, deeply regreting his withdrawal from our ministry, but admiring his Christian conscientiousness in pursuing the course he has, and indulging the hope that he may yet again be found in our work. J. M. F.

METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING.

A valued correspondent sends the following report :- The Annual Methodist Meeting of the Miramichi District was held in Bathurst on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, according to announcement. Rev. H. McKeown, Chairman of the District, presided over the exercises which opened with prayers and thanksgivings to the Great Head of the Church for the many tokens of his favour through the year. The most important part of the work of the District, was the examination of ministerial character, and the literary and theological acquirements of the candidates. All present felt the solemnity of this trial, and at its close were prepared to offer to God gratitude and praise for the satisfactory state of each brother, and for the blessings of his Providence and grace, with which they had been favoured through their year of toil. The Annual reports were received from the different circuits, showing the total amount of expenditure for ministerial support to have reached the handsome sum of \$4,680.00. From the spiritual state of each circuit as given we have gratefully to record a large increase of membership. Congregations are encouraging, and increased accommodations are very much needed in many places. An interesting conversation on the situation of our work resulted in the District petitioning the Conference for an increase of Ministerial Agents in this section of the Province, where so many doors are now The attention of the members of the District was called to a report of the Presbytery of Miramichi respecting a church recently erected at Escuminac and it was resolved that a committee should be appointed, consisting of the Chairman of the District and Rev. E. Jenkins to examine said report and reply; further resolved: that a copy of the reply be published in the Miramichi Advance, Union

Advocate, and the WESLEYAN. The thanks of the District were given to the friends who kindly entertained the ministers and a unammous vote of thanks to the Chairman for the very able and impartial manner in which he had presided over the exercises.

ESCUMINAC CHURCH. To the Methodist District of Miramichi:-

Your Committee in the discharge of the duty assigned them, would submit the following report :-First, we would express our deep regret

calling in question the authority of the Methodist Church, to send her ministers to all who will receive their administra-

From reliable sources (it is a fact which cannot be truthfully denied), the people dwelling in that section of the country referred to in the Report, for the forty years preceding the appointment of a Methodist minister, were in great destitu-

tion of the ministrations of divine truth. The Report truthfully acknowledges the erection of the church to be due to the labours of the Rev. Mr. Williams, our Missionary; which church was to be free to all Protestant ministers to hold religious service in."

At a subsequent meeting of those interested in its erection, the question was raised as to what body of Christians the church should be deeded to, when it was moved, and seconded, and carried with only two dissenting voices, that it be

deeded to the Methodist Conference. The Report further states that the man who so generously gave the land and deeded the same to the Methodist Conference, thought that words were in the deed which were not, reflecting either upon the intelligence or honesty of the

donor. We further learn that this Committee, in their examination of the Escuminac Church, at a meeting of the inhabitants held for that purpose, was told that they (the people) were perfectly satisfied with Greased deficiencies to be but the result of the settlement of the church affair; and the scarcity of the times. No special revival of the work of God was reported; would "drive the nail home they had so but a quiet, deep, progressive spiritual wisely struck on the head," and we are Nork has been experienced on all the cir- informed that this Committee has

expressed themselves as being satisfied with their action, and assured them thaton account of the withdrawal from our nothing further would be written respect-

> We are sorry that the Committee failed to carry out the determination expressed to the people that they should neither see nor hear any more about their action in this matter, which determination induced one of the Trustees to write so approvingly of these gentlemen who affirmed they were there in the interests of

As ministers of that church—so much honoured by her exalted head, as in age to possess the vigor and beauty of youth -so expansive as to almost occupy her Founder's Parish-we still adhere to the motto: "The friend of all, the enemy of none."

In conclusion, your Committee cannot refrain from deprecating anything that would appear in any way to disturb the Christian fellowship and courtesy so long existing between these two fruitful branches of the living vine—the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

Signed by order of the District. H. McKewon. E. JENKINS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., June 21, 1878. DEAR SIR,-It is with pleasure that I nform you of the high estimation our pastor (Rev. Job Shenton) is held here, not only by his church, but by the community

On last Monday evening, at the regular eekly meeting of the Reform Club, an address to him, from the officers and members of the Club, was read by the Secretary, stating his earnest, faithful. and untiring effort put forth in behalf of the Temperance Reform in this community, since his coming among us, and expressing their regret of having to part with so faithful a promoter of the Tem-

Also on Wednesday evening last, at the close of a lecture delivered by the reverend gentleman, under the ausnices of the Y. M. C. Association (entitled. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty"), another address to him from the officers and members of the above named institution was read by J. N. Freeman, Esq., expressing thanks for his valued labours in connection with this body, and sorrow at his contemplated departure from this community, also conveying their best wishes for his prosperity.

Mention was also made in the address of Mrs. Shenton, whose untiring efforts in connection with the Ladies Christian Temperance Union and elsewhere, has won our highest regards.

Pardon me, sir, if I here make mention of a few points in the lecture (of which I might say was a grand success). He (the lecturer) commenced by making some grand remarks-upon liberty as an endowment of the Creator, and not conferr ed by law or constitution. He then referred to the fact that we are influenced by the past in our estimate of our present advantages as a nation.

Great principles, said the lecturer, have been and are a growth. He traced out that thought in our national history. In that the Presbytery of Miramichi felt it so doing, he gave quite a lengthened outtheir duty to give the public a Report line of the House of Stuart. Oliver Cromwell, and Wm. of Orange. Then followed a contrast between our Dominion and Great Britain, and the United States. And he declared, that if eternal vigilance be the price of liberty; then we must say,

Nova Scotians never will be slaves. Three points were named as assailed First-the Bible. Second-the home. Third—the school.

"Who is the coming man?" the lecturer asked. He defined him as pure, upright and true. A man whose conscience regulates all his life. And closed by Mc-Kay's words: "That there is a good time coming."

I remain yours respectfully, C. F. WRIGHT.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The young man Hurley, who was reported few days ago as having become insane from injuries received from black damp at the time of the explosion at Sydney Mines, C. B., has recovered sufficiently to go to work. Capt. R. P. Trefry, of Bridgewater, Lunen-

burg Co., formerly of Yarmouth, master of the barque Templar, while on a voyage from Great Britain to Delaware, on the 21st of February last, with great exertion and danger, rescued the officers and crew of the American ship Celestial Empire, which he fell in with during a storm in a sinking condition, and which, it is supposed, sunk shortly after the resoue. The American authorities, in recognition of Capt. Trefry's conduct, forwarded to him at Calais, France, through the American legation, London, a magnificent gold watch and chain, the former bearing the following inscription: " Presented by the President of the United States to Captain R. P. Trefry, in recognition of his bravery and humane conduct in rescuing the officers and crew of the American ship Celes- The parties whose tender was first acce

Mr. Thomas B. Smith, of Windsor, delivered a very interesting lecture to the Stethem Reform Club of Enfield on Monday 18th. The subject, "Before and after the Rescue," was very ably handled. A large audience assembled to hear Mr. Smith. The Women's Temperance Union of Enfield have been holding weekly sewing circles since the new year, and intend holding a bazaar early in uly, towards building a club hall to hold

Launched at Milton, Yarmouth Co., on Saturday-week, the barque Joannah H. Cann 260 tons carpenter's measurement, and 1170 tons register, built under the superintendence of Mr. J. Nelson Gardner, for Capt. Hugh Cann and Capt. George W. Tooker, who is to command her. The J. H. C. is thoroughly built of the best materials, is of beautiful nodel, and is classed A 1 8 years at Bureau Veritas.

The Vandals are again at work in the Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax, carrying off the flowers deposited on the graves of the dead. Cannot something be done to stop these vultures in their unholy work? If caught, the cat" should be applied.

The barque "Ellershausen," 602 tons, built at Mill Creek, N. S., in 1874, and lately hailing from Windsor, has been sold in London, and gone under the Norwegian flag. The brig "Eva Parker," 355, built at Harborville, N. S., in 1873, and hailing from Windsor, has been sold to parties in Ham-

Yarmouth experienced a tempest of more than ordinary violence on Saturday night. The thunder and lightning is described as terrific, while the rainfall is reported to be without parallel in that locality. A house near Little River was riddled by lightning, and a yoke of oxen in a field near by was killed.

The members of the Windsor Reform Club have already subscribed stock to the amount of \$1,600 towards building the new Hall.

On the 21st the dead body of a man was found near Kearney Lake, about five miles from the city. An inquest was immediately held by Wm. Evans, Esq., J. P., but no facts were elicited by which deceased could be identified or cause of death ascertained. An open verdict was returned. It was afterwards learned that the man's name was E. C. Neary; that he belonged to Newfoundland; and that the day previous to his death he had been paid off from a vessel at this port. When found he had on an entire fit out of new clothes. and had about \$14 in cash.

On Tuesday afternoon last, the captain of the steam yawl Annie, discovered the body of man in the water near McKay's wharf, North Sydney, C. B. It had too far decomposed to bear recognition. The body is thought to be that of Angus McKenzie, who disappeared from North Sydney last Autumn, and his friends were sent for to attend the inquest which was to be held Wednesday, to identify the clothing.

NEW BRUNSWICK & P. E. ISLAND

Martin Francis, the Indian teacher on Lennox Island, Lot 13. P. E. J. died suddenly on Thursday, 13th inst. He had just opened chair in a fit or faint. He lived but half an

During a thunder storm which passed over Rona, P. E. I., on Thursday, the 6th, three tattle belonging to Mr. Peter Ross were struck by lightning and instantly killed. On the night before, a barn belonging to Mr. Judson McDonald, and a house belonging to Mr. Joseph McVean, of the East Point, were struck by lightning and somewhat damaged. A cow owned by Mr. Daniel Munn was killed in the same storm A M ACA

Mr. William Welsh, representative of Belfast, Queens Co., in the P. Ex. Island Legislature, has resigned his seat in the Assembly. The cause is not stated.

A man who gave his name as George Clark, of Toronto, was on Saturday afternoon found perfectly nude in one of the cattle cars at the treight house in St. John. He is a shoemaker by trade, and had been residing for some time near Reed's Point. He was labouring under the effects of a heavy debauch, and was taken care of by the police.

Three men lost their lives on Sunday morning by the sinking of the brig Canfederate, off Briar Island during dense fog. The vessel had been hove to, and about two o'clock a.m., she was struck in the bow by the barque Antwerp and cut in two. In three minutes after the collision the brig went down., The disaster occurred so suddenly that there was little time for anything to be done. The crew of the Antwerp immediately wore the ship, but the fog was so thick that no boat was put off to search for any of those belonging to the brig, as it would have been impossible for a boat to have found its way back. Five men were saved by catching hold of ropes that were thrown from the barque, or by getting upon pieces of wreck that were floating about. The names of the men who were drowned were George Grant, master, Weymouth, N. S., Michael W. Dolly, Granville, N. S., Wm. Wiflet, Annapolis, N. S. It is supposed that they were killed by falling spars or went down with their vessel. Both vessels were bound to St. John. The Confederate was 220 tons register, was built at pain. Weymouth, N. S., in 1868, and was owned by

A. Grant, of Digby, N. S. On the Evening of June 4th, as Mr. Amasa Peoples was crossing the River to go to his home in Cambridge, Q. C., from McDonald's Point, he discovered the body of a man floating down Colwel's Creek. He at once reported it to the people at McDonald's Point, and they made the body fast to the shore. Coroner Akerley was immediately notified, and the inquest was held on the 5th. The body was identified to be that of J. R. Webb, of Jerusalem, Q. C., who was supposed to have been drowned on the evening of the 28th of December last in Colwel's Creek. At the inquest two of the witnesses testified that they heard the cries of a person as in distress coming from the direction in which the body was found; but they paid no attention at the time, thinking it was skaters amusing themselves. The verdict of the jury was "accidental death by drowning.

A shooting affray took place at the Waverly House, Shediac, last week. A brakesman named McDonald, pulled Georgé Hanington out of his wagon, and had him down, when the latter drew his revolver and shot Mc-Donald in the leg. No legal proceedings have been instituted, and McDonald is expected to get round all right. It appears the Blue Ribbon movement didn't take proper root in the town of Shediac.

It is stated that the contract for the erection of the Post Office in St. John has been signed by Messrs. Jones, Booth & Doodridge.

A sail boat containing four persons, including Mr. John Abbot, was upset in the St. John harbor near the island, on Sunday. The persons clung to the bottom of the boat. where they remained until assistance reached them from Reed's Point.

UPPER PROVINCES.

A serious fire occurred in Montreal on Saturday morning, destroying Ives & Allan's Foundry, Crawford's Provision Store, Miller Bros. & Mitchell's machine shop, Ewing's coffee and spice mills.

Arrangements have been made for the through shipment of Ontario cheese from Montreal to Liverpool at favorable rates, and a large export trade is expected for this

A sort of 'black list' is proposed to be prepared by the physicians of Hamilton, to protect themselves from that class of persons who, though able to pay their physicians, go about from one to another, getting the services of each as long as possible without paying. The doctors propose to report the names of such people, which lists will be printed and a copy supplied to each physician for mutual protection.

A fatal pistol accident, in which the persons interested were young children, occurred at St. Raymond, Portneuf County, a few days since. A little son of Mr. Bureau, while playing with a pistol, discharged it and morly wounded another child, belonging to Mr. Francois Anger.

A farmer named Beauchesne, whose residence is not known, but is supposed to be at Arthabaska, was found drowned recently, together with his horse, in the Lyster river. Megantic. It appears that the deceased fell asleep in his cart and allowed the horse to follow his own course, which was headlong over the bank and into the river.

No license to sell intoxicating liquors is granted in the village of Marbleton, and a petition for a shop license the other day was inanimously rejected by the Council.

An exchange says that Mr. Hopps, living near Mount Oxford, has, within the last thirty-six years, killed eighty-four bears. He has killed four within a year.

On Wednesday night of last week the residence of George H. Sprung, Ameliasburg, Ont., was burned to the ground. Two childdren, aged respectively 12 and 9 years, were consumed, of whom nothing but a few of the charred remains could be found next morning. Mrs. Sprung was also badly burned about the face and arms, but is expected to recover. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated from a defective stovepipe,

Robbins, an American, has been arrested at Toronto for circulating Bradlaugh's work, The Fruits of Philosophy.'

It is estimated that ten thousand men are out of employment in Quebec.

Arrangements have been made to illuminate the Parliament buildings and grounds on A large meeting of unemployed men was

held in Jacques Cartier square, Montreal, last week. Inflammatory speeches were made, but there was no disorder. The fear is expressed that this element may add to the trouble which is expected on the 12th July. Chief Justice Allan, of New Brunswick, has been appointed to succeed ex-Governor Wilmot in the Ontario and Quebec Boundary

MISCELLANEOUS

The latest invention in New York is an electrical wire connected with the windows and doors of houses and the gas. A burglar enters, opens a door or window, and the gas in the whole house is lighted at once, a surprise it will be to the burglar who first experiences the novel sensation.

The Antipodes are looking up: "A professorship of English Language and Literature will, it is said, be founded next year, if not this, in the flourishing young University of Otago, New Zealand. The endowment

will probably range from £600 to £1,000. A Parliamentary return just issued shows that during 1877 40:693.851 gallons of proof spirits were distilled in Great Britain, on which duty was paid amounting to \$76,789,-575. The amount consumed during the year was 29,888.176 gallons, of which England drank more than half, or nearly 17,000,000

The prospect of a successful issue of the Berlin Congress has effected the timber trade in England, causing a decline. The outlook not promising in this branch of trade.

When the Black Sea navigation was reopened the Russians gave large orders for coal deliverable at Odessa and Galatz. They are now endeavoring to annul many of these contracts. This is interpreted as a peaceful in-

dication. Physicians in attendance on the Emperor William publish a formal declaration that his progress has been satisfactory almost beyond expectation, but the parient, besides transitory pain, suffers much from helplessness, being unable to use his arms. His complete recovery can only be effected in a long time, after possibly many obstacles and much

The Indian troops at Malta are anxious to parade in London, and the Duke of Cambridge favors the idea.

President McMahon, upon recommendation of the Ministers, has decided to pardon 800 Communists on the occasion of the national festival on the 30th in honor of the Exhibi-

Advices from Cape Town, 4th of June, represent that an engagement was fought on the 29th of May, in which Chief Dukmara was killed and the noted Chief Soudilla was seriously wounded.

A San Antonio special says extraordinary excitement prevails at Piedras Negras on account of the presence of General Mackenzie on the Mexican side. The Mexicans are volunteering and organizing to fight him.

A Fort Clark special says a party just from the Rio Grande reports that General Canals with 300 regulars impressed all the men and horses they could find in Piedras Negras, and started last night up the river to intercept Colonel Shafter, who had crossed the river with his command

The United States regular army is for the time being to remain at its present strength -25,000 men.

The steamer Parthia left Boston on the 5th inst. for Liverpool, with a full freight and 266 passengers. Our American cousins are off to the Paris Exposition by thousands.

AU. S. officer, Lieut. Totten, graduated at West Point with honors on the 13th inst.,

## WESLEYAN' ALMANAC

JUNE, 1878. First Quarter, 7 day, 11h, 40m, Afternoon. Full Moon, 14 day, 7h, 37m, Afternoon. Last Quarter, 22 day, 3h, 1m, Afternoon. New Moon, 30 day, 8h, 16m, Morning.

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THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southing gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport and Truro.

High water at Pictou and Cape Tormentine, 2 hrs and 11 minutes LATER than at Halifax. At Annapolis, St. John, N.B., and Portland, Maine, 3 hours and 25 minutes LATER, and at St. John's, Newfoundland 20 minutes EARLIER than at Halifax. At Chartest at the strength of the property ottetown, 2 hours 54 minutes LATER. At Westport, hours 54 minutes LATER. At Yarmouth, 2 hours

20 minutes LATER. FOR THE LENGTH OF THE DAY .- Add 12 hours to the time of the sun's setting, and from the sum sub-stract the time of rising.

FOR THE LENGTH OF THE NIGHT.—Substract the time of the sun's setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning

#### THE PEONY.

Still shines that Sabbath morn for me. Its breeze still whispers low; 'Twas yesterday; it can not be 'Twas thirty years ago,. A little girl, in broad-brimmed hat, In the old meeting-house I sat;

The south wind through the doorway blew And the old deacon, in the pew In front, looked back and gave to me, Full blown, a crimson peony. What sudden sense of wealth was mine!

To my delighted eyes, It seemed a blossom such as might Have grown in Paradise; So wide its silken petals spread, So rich its robe of royal red, Pinks, roses, lilies, violets, all My garden blossoms, great and small, Seemed poor, pale, common things to me, By that resplendent peony!

In what serene content I spent That oftimes weary hour; My little head in rapture bent Above that matchless flower! The prayer and hymn were both unheard: I lost the sermon, every word; For me, that gray, old deacon wore! The best of men I thought must be The giver of that peony.

Time flies with swallow's wings away; I count the years, and know That Sabbath was not yesterday, But thirty years ago; The very meeting-house is gone, We gathered in that Summer morn: The preacher's voice is hushed, and wave The daisies o'er the deacon's grave; But, fresh and fragrant, still for me Unfading, blooms that peony-

Still bright, as when, above its breast That happy day I smiled; Oh, blest, for aye the gift is blest Bestowed upon a child! It has a worth beyond its own, A charm to all things else unknown! How perfect is the joy it gives! How long in memory it lives! And childhood's spell yet makes for me A flower of flowers, the peony! -Marian Douglas, Sunday Afternoon

#### WHITFIELD'S WATCH.

BY REV. C. M. BOUGHTON.

This ancient relict so intimately connected with the life of Whitfield, is still in being, and in the possession of Mrs. C. E. Barber, of New Centreville, Oswego county, New York. It is openfaced and gold-plated. The dial plate has raised letters on it, to indicate the hour of the day. A circle surrounds these, and on the outside of this circle, a number of figures designate the minutes of the hour. It has an outside case that can be removed at pleasure and then the works are visible. was made by T. Colby, in London, England, in the year 1685. Hence it has a history older than Methodism itself, which its former owner labored to build up. It is ninety-one years older than the American Republic. It was twenty-eight years old when Whitfield was born. What mighty events have taken place since it first began to warn men of the flight of time! It is still in good repair, and keeps time equal to our improved time keepers. Attached to it is an iron chain and two keys of antique design, which were worn by Whitfield. One of the keys are worn out with use; for more than a hundred years it has been in service. The chain and keys are secured to the watch in a way that they cannot be detached from the watch only by cutting them off.

Whitfield brought the watch with him from England the first time he winds before the demonstrative power

family certainly over one hundred years. It has been handed down from one generation of the family to a succeeding one, ever since Whitfield parted with it. It has been guarded with great care, and it is prized by its present owner very highly. The writer has wound it up on many occasions, and watched its movements with deep interest. It is undoubtedly the oldest watch in America, and yet its movements are as perfect as when its heart beat in unison with the heart of Whitfield. He listened to its ticking sound as the observer does to-day. While he who was "wonderfully and fearfully made" has gone to dust, this, the work of man's hands, still endures. What a theme for thought .- Pitts. Recorder.

#### LOUIS ALCOTT.

In a report of conversations held with several of the literary celebrities of Concord, a correspondent to the New York Tribune thus presents an interesting biographical sketch of the author of "Little Women" as given by her father:

Mr. Cook and others to say something

about his gifted daughter, Miss Louisa

Alcott, and rather reluctantly he con-

sented to do so. He began with the remark that she peeped over her moral sense once, and got benefit of it. "She about Jesus here? We shall find them began to keep a diary or note book in heaven. Did you ever think of this when only five years old, and has done that there are more children in heaven so ever since. She got her culture at than there are grown people? It is so. home and through experience. She Do you ask me how I know it? I will began authorship by writing letters. tell you. Then she ventured stories; then followed the reading of them to her par- half of the people born into the world ents and sisters; then the acting of die while they are children. But Jesus them as dramas; then a model theatre | takes all little ones to heaven. He taught | so he answered: "Indade, and if ye | pils: in the attic. She had her grandmo- us this himself when he took them in say it's only knee deep I'll wade, rather's brocade silk dress, which had his arms, put his hand on them; saybeen off duty well nigh a century, as a ing-"Suffer the little children to come costume, and the grandfather's mili- unto me. and forbid them not; for of "boldly waded in." About the third he never rejoices in the prosperity of tary suit, also faithfully preserved, did | such is the kingdom of heaven." duty for the hero of the occasion. The old people were studiously kept down stairs, and what went on could only be judged by the peals of laughter which came from the Concord boys and girls who were fortunate enough to be invited to the performance in the attic. The next step was to transfer the theatre to the barn, where the private theatricals soon made considerable of the working men's agitation in that no ises in the town. This gave stories city. After listening to an excited Then other stories were written. It was noised abroad that they existed. An editor heard of them and got one for his journal. His came to hand, and caused a flutter of joy in the young girl's life. When the late war came, Mr. Alcott had no boys to do the fighting, and Louisa felt she must represent the family in the Union army, and went to Georgetown as nurse. Here she was taken dangerously ill, and here upon her recovery, she wrote the letters home which were published as "Hospital Sketches." These made her known. Then she wrote a two-volume novel, which a publisher compelled her to cut down into one volume, because he did'nt believe any body would read a novel in two volumes, and the result was that the book was spoilt. Miss Alcott now determined to take authorship into her own hands and please herself. "Little Women" was the first result of this decision, and the rest of Louisa's career is familiar to the public." Mr. Alcott said that he had become known as the grandfather of these little women, and he was not ashamed of the compliment.

#### "YE'RE ON OOR SIDE."

At a public meeting in the west of Scotland, an attempt was made to establish a temperance society by the peominister was present, but was silent till near the close. He was a good manan advocate of temperance so called, and could not see any necessity for teetotalism. After all had spoken, he said a little in favor of temperance in general, denouncing drunkenness as a great sin, but adding that he saw no need of any pledge or any association; that each one for himself or herself should be able to use the good gifts of God without abusing them. He had no sooner sat down than a drunken weaver staggered to his feet, exclaim. ing: "That's richt's, sir-that's richt. Ye're on oor side." The minister rose on the instant, pale and under deep emotion, saying in tones of deep so-lemnity: "If I am on your side, sir, I am wrong." This was the turning point with him on that question. The temperance theory was scattered to the came to America, and as he was about of stern experience, and the practical to return to England he gave it to a result was that the association was Methodist preacher by the name of Bar. formed, and the minister's name head to ruin through their f ale gliter. er, and it has remained in the Barber ed the list of its members.—Life Boat. Life Boat.

#### HEAVEN.

"When I was a boy I used to think of heaven as a glorious golden city, with jewelled walls, and gates of pearl, with nobody in it but the angels, and they were all strangers to me. But after a while my little brother died then I thought of heaven as that great city full of angels, with just one little fellow in it that I was acquainted with. He was the only one I knew there, at that time. Then another brother died, and there were two in heaven that knew. Then my acquaintances began to die, and the number of my friends in heaven grew larger all the time. But it was not till one of my own little ones was taken that I began to feel that I had a personal interest in heaven. Then a second went, and a third, and a fourth, and so many of my friends and loved ones have gone there, that it seems as if I know more in heaven than I know on earth. And now, when my thoughts turn to heaven it is not the gold, and Mr. Alcott had been requested by the jewels and the pearl that I think of but the loved ones there. It is not the place so much as the company that makes heaven seem beautiful."

Have any of us lost dear little baby brothers and sisters, too young to learn

It is very well known that more than

"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS."-Self. possession is at all times a valuable quality, and seldom more so than when one is receiving a deputation. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco seems not to be deficient in this respect. The other day he received a deputation introduced by Mr. Kearney, leader arangue the Archbishop, according to the San Francisco News Letter, with 'placid urbanity," returned the following reply: "Mr. Kearney, I understand that you wish me to mind my own business. papers disappeared so fast that he Very good. Perhaps you know my busiwanted another. In this way the first ness better than I do. But, Mr. Kearney, fruits of authorship, a five dollar note, there is only one gentleman who is at present authorised to show me how to mind my business, and that is the Pope of Rome. Perhaps, Mr. Kearney, if you will write to him, he will transfer that power to you. And now let me tell you a little story, Mr. Kearney. I have lived here a great many years, and I know the temper of the people of California pretty well; and a long time ago, before you had come to America, I went to bed one night leaving everything going on in the city as usual. Well, Mr. Kearney, after a comfo.table night's rest I arose and looked out of my window, and there in the street was a poor fellow hanging by his neck, quite dead, suspended from a lamp post. He was a poor fellow who did not know how to mind his own business, Mr. Kearney, and that was all. You mind your business well, Mr. Kearney, and I will mind mine. Good morning. The deputation, thanking the Archbishop for his courtesy, then retired -Pall Mall Gazette.

A curious scene occurred on Goo Friday at Merthyr, a parish in Wales where great distress has for a long time been prevalent. The children are provided regularly with one meal a day, and several of the gentlemen dispensing soup to the children reported to the rector that none of the Irish children would take it. Upon this the rector mounted one of the tables, and commanded all the Catholic children to ple. Several had spoken earnestly in | stand up while he spoke to them. After favor of the movement. The parish | telling them that he supposed they refused to take soup because the priest had forbidden them, he concluded, "I am a priest, as well as he, in every sense of the word, and I give you dispensation to eat as much bread to-day as you did yesterday. If there is door and rapped: any sin in it I will take it upon myself, and absolve you, every one of you. And if the priest makes a row about it, I will go to him and tell him it is my fault, and ask him to make me do penance and not you. Now what do you say? Will you take my dispensation and eat a hearty dinner? 'Yes, yes," said hundreds of little voices. "Well, then," continued the priestly rector, "fall to at once and eat as much as you can carry." This was received with much cheering, and the children did fall to in right good earnest, joining heartily in the laugh and the fun of the other children.

> Close up the saloons. If each one them paid a tax of five thousand dollars a year, it would not be doing justice to the young men who are going

#### A FROG'S ADVICE TO PATRICK.

The music of a frog-poud is not the most inspiring in the world, but as an evidence that spring is come is not unwelcome. There is a good deal of variety, too, in the notes that are heard where frogs congregate. In these temperance times a good deal of excellent advice is given to young men who have resolved to leave off drinking, and to boys who have never begun. Tue frogs advice to Patrick was not given at a Temperance meeting, but no better four years preceding, wag s had been advice than the frog's can be given to gradually falling, but employment had men or boys who are tempted to go where liquor is sold. Patrick was a young Irishman who worked out by the month for a farmer. A girl to whom he was greatly attached lived in the family of a neighbouring farmer. Between the two farms othere was a piece of low marshy ground that was quite wet. To go round the marsh the distance was a good mile. To go across it was not over a quarter of a mile.

Sunday evening came, and Patrick impatient to visit his girl. Dressed in his best, he started out; but when he reached the marsh he was in doubt whether to go around it or across in 1876 it was 14,876. Since 1855 the it, for he could not tell how deep the membership has made a net gain of over water was. Just then a big bull-frog croaked out in a heavy, solemn tone something that sounded like "Better go round; better go round;" and, under the circumstances, Patrick thought the advice very appropriate to his case. While he was hesitating what course trates the necessity of punctuation. It to take, a pert young frog, one of the can be read in two ways, making a upstarts of the pond, came to the sur- very bad man or a very good man, the face and piped out in a shrill voice result depending on the manner in what sounded to Patrick like these which it is punctuated. It is well words: "Knee deep; knee deep; and worthy the study of teachers and puther than be goin' a mile round. Off in vice and wickedness he is never found came his shoes and stockings, and with opposing the works of iniquity he takes his pants pulled up above his knees, he delight in the downfall of his neighbors step he found himself nearly up to his his fellow creatures he is always ready neck in the blackest of marsh mire, and in destroying the peace of society he as he was making a desperate effort to flounder out, a solemn looking old fellow, grave as an owl, came up, and with discord among his friends and acquaintprovoking gravity croaked out: "You're a fool; you're a fool." "Indade and I'm that," said Patrick, "for belavin' the young rascal who towld me it was to stigmatize all public teachers he only knee deep, and for not taken the makes no exertions to subdue his evil ould one's advice when he tould me as passions he strives hard to build up plain as any thing, 'Better go round;' Satans kingdom he lends no aid to the

Now, my young friend, the saloonkeeper will tell you, not that the mud adversary he pays no attention to good is knee deep, but that you will walk in advice he gives great heed to the devil pleasant paths, where there is no danger whatever of falling into the slough of drunkenness, if he can see in you any disposition whatever to enter his saloon, but step in once, and if you have ever been the slave of appetite, away you go before you know it, up to your neck in the unclean depths of a habit that has destroyed O how many noble young men and promising boys who have gone just one step too far. Then, when your money is gone, and your good purposes a wreck, when he has ruined you, he will say :- "You're a fool." When temptation to drink anything that will make you a fool, or worse than a fool, meets you, when you find that the open door and brilliant fascinations of a drinking saloon begins to draw you as the Norwegian Maelstrom draws a ship, think of the old frog's advice to Patrick: " Better go round," and be sure to go round the danger, keeping at a safe distance from it. Don't give the bad man who sells destruction in handsome bottles a chance to get you into the mire of intemperance, and when you are hopelessly ruined, say to you at the last: "You're a fool."—Congregationalist.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S LITTLE DOMESTIC QUARREL.—Queen Victoria in the early days of her wedded life, had one of those squabbles with her husband, of the sort which will come about sometimes even between the most loving married couples. Chagrined and vexed, Prince Albert retired to his room and locked the door. The queen took the matter quietly for a while, but after the lapse of an hour she went to his "Albert," she called to him, "come

out.' "No, I will not," answered the prince within. "Please go away; leave me

alone.' The royal temper waxed hot at this; 'Sir," she cried, "come out at oncethe queen, whose subject you are, commands you.'

He obeyed immediately. Entering the room she designated, he sat down in silence. For a long time nothing was said. The queen was the first to break the silence. "Albert," she said to him, "speak to

"Does the Queen command it?" he

asked. "No," she answered, throwing her

arms about his neck, "your wife begs Curtain-OLIVE LOGAN in San Fran-

BRITISH WE-LEYAN HOME RE

The official district returns of the Bitish Wesleyan Societies in England show a small net decrease for the year. The falling off in the membership has been mainly in the iron and manufacturing towns, and is thus accounted for by the London Watchman:

During the last year the condition of the working classes has become one of very great pressure almost through. out the kingdom. During the three or still been general, while wages, though lower than they had been, could not be called low. But now for many months matters have been becoming worse and worse. Multitudes of men are out of employment, nearly all wages for work have been greatly lowered, strikes and violent outbreaks have supervened, the financial position of the employers of labor has become very trying indeed, and the middle classes everywhere have been feeling the pressure of the times close in upon them. Under such circumstances it is no wonder if the numerical returns of our connection have fallen off.

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During the previous year there was a net increase of over 1, 351 members: 122,000 in a present total of 382,289.

#### A PUNCTUATION PUZZLE.

The following article forcibly illus-

He is an old and experienced man takes no pleasure in serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent in sowing ances he takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent in endeavoring support of the Gsopel among the heathen he contributes largely to the evil he will never go to heaven he must go where he will receive the just recompence of reward.

#### STROKE BY STROKE.

'Father,' said James Barker. He spoke as one who is about to ask a favor which he fears will not be granted. Mr. Barker was washing his face at the pump. He raised his dripping head long enough to ask, in his gruff way, 'What do you want?' 'I want to go to the academy this winter.' 'Well, you will have to want, I expect.'

'Now, father,' interceded Mrs. Barker, it does seem too bad. You know he has gone as far as he can at the schoolhouse; and Miss French says that he is a right smart scholar.' 'Cant help it,' replied Mr. Barker. 'There'll be schooling to pay, books and clothes to buy,

and I haven't got the money.' With a sad heart James sat down to the supper-table. His father, kind though rough, saw his disappointment, and tried to think of some way to help. At length he said, 'I've got the job of clearing Mr. Martin's wood-lot. You may come in and work with the men and if you can earn enough before school begins to pay for your schooling and clothes, I will give you your time and board while you are at school. You are not really strong enough to chop, and you'll find it pretty hard. Most likely you will give out, but you can

Very hard work James found it. One day he was tempted to give up. He was at work at a large tree, upon whose firm grain his inexperienced blows made little impression. Tired and discourage ed, he sat down upon a log to rest. It is no use, he said, dolefully. 'What's no use?' asked an old wood-choppr, just behind him. 'For me to try to cut down that tree.' 'Pooh! my boy, you can do it. Just keep at it. Stroke by stroke will cut down the biggest tree that ever grew. Don't expect to cut Remember down with one blow.

"stroke by stroke." James did remember; and whenever, the wished-for schooling seemed a good that he could never gain, he would think, Stroke by stroke, and struggle on. The watchword which had helped the chopper was not thrown aside by the student. Did a problim baffle, a lesson seem unconquerable, James thought, Stroke by stroke, and took courage Stroke by stroke' carried James through school, and made of him at active, successful man.—Sunday-School Visitor.

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When I was a boy we lived in the country, where I think all boys ought to live for a few years, and we didn't get coddled as you youngsters do, nor have so many things to play, nor such schools and books, and other helps to learning and fun, as you have. But we had plenty of good times in coasting, skating, riding, fishing, hunting and trapping. And in the Spring we always had a special "lark" when they made maple sugar.

Father used to let us go to the woods with the men when we were quite little shavers, and we would bring dry brush for the fire, and watch the big kettle when the sap was boiling, so as to call the men or throw in a piece of pork or some cold sap, to keep it from boiling over. I can almost smell the sweet steam now, and see the little pieces of pork bobbing around in the kettle, and remember how my eyes watered when the smoke blew in them, and how good the first taste of the sugar was when they began to cool it on snow, to see if it was done.

But the "sugaring off" was the greatest fun. When the sap was boiled down into clear, sweet syrup, they would put four or five pailfuls in the kettle and cook it slowly and carefully till it was done enough to "cake" into sugar. And then we would wax some on snow, and stir some in saucers until it cooled, and eat it warm and cold until we couldn't hold any more-and a long while after father wondered how we could hold so much.

Well, one time, when we were about twelve or fourteen years old, we thought the sugar would taste a good deal sweeter if we could get it in some sly and mischievous way. That's the way with foolish boys and men in other things. Stolen sweets makes half the trouble in the world. And so we went around to half-a-dozen of the neighbors' boys, asking them to a sugar bee in our woods the next night, but telling them not to let anybody know it. We knew and stout; the world always went easy there was a churn full and two big jugs | with him; he troubled himself as little of syrup waiting to be "sugared off" down in our bush, and we thought we'd steal a march on the men, and show 'em a trick or two. So after the chores were done, we asked mother if we could go and see the boys, and she said yes, if we would be back by nine o'clock.

We "saw" the boys, but it was in the lane leading to the woods, where they were waiting, whist as mice. It was growing dark fast, and we cut for the woods as fast as we could go. There was a big bed of coals, snugly covered with ashes, and we soon had it raked out, put new wood on, and made a blazing fire. Then we all took hold of have become so stout." the long pole and swung the big kettle over it. How to get the syrup in was the next question, as we couldn't lift the big jugs up. But I found the dipper, and we dipped it out of the churn used to store it in, until there was a pailful or more in the kettle, and it began to boil up, as yellow and sweet as

By this time it was dark as a pocket. The fire lighted up the woods for a little ways, but it seemed all the blacker in the shadows beyond. We had never been out alone before, and the strange stillness began to make us feel very queerly. Our shadow, thrown by the firelight across the little clearing, looked like big, black giants, and there wasn't much fun in our laughs as we watched them. One of the little boys vowed he saw somebody hiding behind a tree. and another thought he heard some animal stepping in the brush a little way off. You see we knew we weren't doing right, and that makes boys-and men, too-very uneasy.

But we kept close to the fire, and talked as bravely as we could, until the boy who was stirring the sugar said: "It hairs!-it must be done! Pain Killer made by Perry Davis & Son; Who'll try it first?"

out of the darkness of the woods. Every boy started up as if a panther had come upon us. Jim dropped his stirring stick into the fire. Harry tip- | Druggists the world over. ped over the pans of snow on the bench. Charlie stumbled over a root and fell head first into a sap-bucket; and then we all held our breaths and hearkened.

"Who! Who!" said the voice again, loud and sclemn.

shouted Frank, the boldest boy in the party-" and what-r-ye doing in this sugar-bush, this time of night?" No answer came.

"Let's smoke him out!" said Frank, grabbing a blazing stick from the fire and starting for the brush, using it as torch. He hadn't gone many yards before a great white owl flew from its perch in a tree calling "Who-who-o-o To-whit-to-who-o !"

And then we all laughed at our scare, and turned to the sugar just as a dreadful smoke and smell began to come out of the kettle. While we had been "owling it" the sugar had burned!

We had just got the kettle swung off from the fire when another voice sounded close behind us, and this time it wasn't an owl, but father himself, who had seen the light of the fire, and come down to find out what it all meant.

"So, so," he said, "very industrious boys, I see !-like to work nights! Well we can't have anything wasted. You can just go at that beautiful sugar you have made and eat it up." And he was a man that meant business, and no fooling, when he spoke.

Well, we tried it on snow, and tried it warm, but couldn't tell which way it tasted the worst. Burnt sugar is about the bitterest stuff I ever got hold of, and a few mouthfuls of it were enough to set us all to begging. Father let us upon the eating, but made us scrape and wash the kettle and dishes, and bank up the fire again. And then he put me ahead, and made Will take hold offmyi coat-tail and the next boy hold of Will's and so on to the end, and marched us all single file through the woods up to the house, a giggling, but rather sheepish procession.

Mother said she didn't think we were very happy looking set for boys who had been off for such a sweet time; and -well, we didn't do any more sly sugaring off after that. There didn't seem to be much fun in it, you know. -Golden Rule.

#### HANS AND PETER.

Hans and Peter met one fine morning on the way to market. Hans was large as possible about the cares of life, and semed to grów plumper every day.

Peter, on the other hand, was thin and slim. He was continually worrying himself about some trifle, and his face grew more and more care worn every day.

"Good morning, friend Peter," said plump Hans, in a hearty tone of cheer. "Good day neighbor!" answered Peter, solemnly.

"Why are you so downcast?" asked

"Downcast? Have you no troubles," retorted Peter, "that you can not understand why people look downcast?"

"I?" said jovial Hans. "I've only one trouble in the world, and that does not trouble me. My wife complains I

"Happy man!" exclamed Peter "My friends complain because I am so thin. "My friends say it makes me move too slowly," said Hans.

"My wife upbraids me," returned Peter, "because I move so very quick-"Suppose we change bodies!" said

they both in a breath. And they changed. Again, in a few months, Hans and Peter met one fine morning; and Hans

was again large and stout while Peter had become thin and slim. "What have you done to my body?"

asked Hans. "What have you done to my body?"

asked Peter. "I was puzzled at first,', said Hans, "to know whether I was Hans or Peter;

but it soon came right." "At first," returned Peter, "I knew not whether I was Peter or Hans, but

as you say, it soon came right." "Then the difference," remarked Hans, "is not my body.' "Nor me body," put in Peter.
"But, said they both, "ourselves!"

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