

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

"FATHER, TAKE MY HAND." "The way is dark, my Father! cloud on cloud Is gathering thickly o'er my head, and loud The thunders roar above me, and I stand, Like one bewildered! Father, take my hand, And thro' the gloom lead safely home, Safely home, safely home, Lead safely home Thy child!

vidual is in duty bound to believe the offering accepted, and, by virtue of the "altar most holy," sanctified not only in the sense of being set apart, but of purification. The blood cleanseth then and there.

THE RICH AND POOR.

It has been said, "The church that preaches to the most poor of this generation will preach to the most rich of the next." There is much truth in this. The poor of one generation are often the rich of the next. The most princely givers of to-day were poor boys a score and two score years ago.

gravel pit in Russell Square, and blackberries were gathered along the rural lane where the South Kensington Museum now stands. Envelopes were not. Postage cost anywhere from a shilling to half-a-crown, but then every one begged franks or smuggled his letters by carriers and friends. Newspapers cost sevenpence each, but there was not much profit on them even at that price, since the tax on every paper was fourpence, with no deduction for copies unsold or returned, and the duty on advertisements was three shillings and sixpence each.

stretch far away around the capital of Syria. From the height on which we stand we can distinctly see the outline of the city, and some of its most conspicuous buildings. The principal part of the city lies directly before us, while the suburb of the Meidan stretches in a long narrow line towards the south-west.

OUR SCHOLARS WATCH US.

I was early at my post one Sabbath morning, but I found John there before me. His peculiarly happy smile told of great joy and peace within, for he had some months before opened his heart to the Lord Jesus.

FAITH, THEN THE WITNESS.

"I must have the witness before I can believe." So said one in reply to the writer, who was straggling home upon the seeker of the duty of believing that the offering she had presented was even then "holy and acceptable to God" by reason of the altar which sanctifieth the gift.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

In the memoirs of the veteran litterateur, S. C. Hall, recently published, the early chapters are devoted to sketches of the "good old times" in England as he knew them in his youth.

WELL DONE! Not what you say, Or wish, or hope, While through the darkness Here you grope; But what you do And what you are In heart, and thought, And character— This only makes you great; And this, If clothed in Jesus' righteousness, Will open Heaven's gate.

Sell all, and buy This precious gem, And wear it as A diadem. A heart that's clean, A mind that's pure Will prompt to deeds Which shall endure. So God will own you as his son, And say To you, when ends life's little day: "Well done!" my child, "Well done!" —Independent.

DAMASCUS.

Standing on a projecting spur of Gebal Salahiya, a branch of anti-Lebanon, and looking down on the great plain below, we see spread out before us, encircled by woods and orchards, one of the most ancient cities in the world, Damascus, a well-known town in the time of Abraham, and, according to Josephus, built by Uz, grandson of Shem.

CONCERNING VIOLINS.

The violin, meaning little viol, is referred to as early as King Saul's time, though that was strictly a lyre, an instrument with ten or twelve strings, played with the fingers only. The viol proper is of later origin, probably Italian of the ninth century, and played with a bow.

Of the instruments manufactured by these families of Cremona, it would be difficult to decide which is superior. Ole Bull, the Norwegian, had among his instruments a violin made by Guarnerius in 1616, for which he paid four thousand dollars.

PAPA'S HAND.

The pater of little feet on my office floor and a glad voice exclaiming, "Papa, I've come to me the presence of my little six-year old darling, who often came at that hour 'to take me home,' as she said. Soon we were going hand in hand on the homeward way.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE CHILD'S PRAYER.

By Alpine lake, 'neath shady rock, The herds-kneel beside his flock, And softly hold, with pious air, His alphabet as evening prayer.

THE ELEPHANT.

On Thanksgiving-day the managers of the Fair-ground menagerie transferred an elephant from his old shed to the commodious mansion that was recently built for its accommodation at a cost of \$5000. It requires both tact and experience to move an elephant with any degree of satisfaction, and those not acquainted with the peculiarities of the animal would make a bungling job of it were they to undertake the task.

A WISE CHOICE.

A good minister, whom we will not name, while sitting at the dinner table with his family, had these words said to him by his son, a lad of eleven years; "Father, I have been thinking, if I could but have one single wish of mine, what I would choose."

THE NURSING.

A medical writer in a British paper says that most people of our treatment, even of its profound. "I writes," says he, "some have led to an Israelite, and whom I found score of friends, the king and the queen, a tearful mouth. I remember ple sorrowing been —down with typical cat mouth chop, I of measles and child school in cold and I remember patienting would have saved by nursing, membering these, the host of cases similar those recorded, of

THE SUN.

JULY.

JOSHUA'S...

After the death of the history of the could there have as that when they that "Moses thy was dead." He leader, twig, or at the very moment blank Joshua was (in the original) later Jews held to be so sacred that pronounce it. Criticism to this supposition translated the Greek some time Christ, but they most sacred name it from desecration Greek reader they the Greek word —Nun lived and —from the thous who passed all Egyptian bond and piety, servile name from poet Horace, by talized the Roman got him —Moses' final word differed rendered servant, words of Genesis, more honorable d free-attendant."

Moses is dead— intimation of the received? It may one was on Mount died, and no one, sure of his demise fit by God. All the ing, according to 730, from twenty ward. See Num tions on so vast a out parallel in the the last century, people—100,000 under cover of a s continues of Russian deserts.

From the w should be bound the Arabian desert Mount Lebanon, of Euphrates, and of Mediterranean Sea promised to Abraham —21. Your coast— These included a list the Hebrews ever for a short time du David and Solomon from Lebanon on a desert on the south and forty miles; t Mediterranean to about four hundred area of fifty six miles, equal to the and Vermont. B or Palestine, was an fifty miles by area smaller than Jersey.

Not any... there—That is so lo his people continue for to all God's pr condition of man's with thee—He nee who is allied w ty. Observe to do—N and praise, but to c pliment the Bible's precepts. The tr perity in any c small lies in obed commands. This learn, not only fr Joshua, but from Moses; of Saul; from that of Hez from it—Perfect of sent by a straight of sin by a crooked terms' righteousness, and, in n ortholog; while t etymologically aki ed.

This book—The was laid up in the the Tabernacle. thy month—The las not only when w preaching it, but w ing it intelligently, conversing about it. The Lord... is soldier's valor is eye of his captain, tion of the named God is the best sat manly terror.

Prayer and praise are like the double motion of the lungs—the air that is drawn in by prayer is breathed forth by thanksgiving.

THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1883.

A CRITICAL PERIOD.

The true friends of Canadian Methodism are posted on the watch-tower; and beyond the Dominion and Newfoundland and Bermuda are anxious hearts.

But the question of Union is fast becoming one of history. Facts are being recorded which will be read hereafter with satisfaction or strange wonder.

Christian men can fortunately differ very widely upon ecclesiastical subjects without necessary disturbance of harmony. There is no need of jealousy between the two parties to whom is virtually entrusted the decision of the Union question.

It certainly is not our place to anticipate the vote of the Maritime Conferences, much less to offer advice. We take the liberty of putting a question which the earnest editor of our Connexion Magazine puts to his readers, and then leave the topic to official consideration.

We venture, however, a single caution. If we have interpreted aright the prospective arrangements of the Union Committee, a simple, unguarded rejection of the Basis of Union by the ministerial vote would effectively block for the present any further progress of the Union movement.

ously to suffer. Any action on the part of the united pastorate which should seem like an attempt to quench the strong expression of sentiment on the part of the laity of our Church is most seriously to be deprecated.

That true sympathy with mankind may exist in the heart of the bravest warrior is freely shown by a story which Mr. Gladstone lately told in England at the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Garibaldi.

I remember he told a story in these words: "When I was a boy," he said "I was at school at Genoa."

We have been asked to publish the vote of the Quarterly Boards of the Methodist Church of Canada, on union. We therefore append the following statement, given last week by the Secretary of the Toronto Conference:

Toronto Conference, in favour 217, against 16, tier 3; London Conference, 208 in favour, 21 against, 1 tie; Montreal Conference, 111 in favour, 29 against, 4 ties; Nova Scotia, 46 in favour, 16 against, 1 tie; New Brunswick Conference, 55 in favour, 2 against, 1 tie; Newfoundland Conference, 9 in favour, 2 against, no ties.

On the increase of more than 13,000 in the membership of the English Conference the London Methodist remarks: "We can hardly look over the table of statistics and reflect how many churches and agencies are represented without being impressed by two things."

The Telegraph states that a meeting took place in St John last week of the Committee appointed by the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick and the Free Baptist General Conference of Nova Scotia.

The London Outlook reports that many members of the Church of England, "alienated" by ritualistic practices, seek refuge and safety in Presbyterian congregations.

In the Indian Witness, an American Methodist missionary says of the Lanowli camp-meeting:—"In the progress of the meeting there occurred one of the most remarkable cases of native conversion I ever witnessed."

France is generally regarded as occupying an unenviable position. With two wars upon her hands she is making slight progress. In Annam she is likely to find that the Chinese have made marked advance in the art of war; in Madagascar a large increase of troops will be necessary.

The danger of gathering large crowds in places having no ready way of egress has received a terrible illustration in the death of nearly two hundred children in an English town on Saturday last.

In spite of business and attractions elsewhere, a good number of visitors attended the terminal examination at the Institution for the Blind, on Saturday last. The energy and success of Mr. C. F. Fraser, the Principal, are worthy of repeated mention.

Who told the N. Y. Observer this? "The Rev. Mr. Jones went home from Conference and told his young wife that the bishop had assigned him to Hardscrabble. She said she never could live there, she would not stir a step, she would starve first."

A minister quotes the younger Edwards as once asking Dr. Strong, of Hartford, "why is it, Brother Strong, that I see so much less fruit of my labors than you do?" "Because," answered Dr. Strong, "you preach as if your people did not believe the Bible, and you spend your time in defending it against skeptical objections;

whereas, I take it for granted that my people do believe the Bible, and then I have nothing to do but to press the truth home upon every man's conscience." How pitiful it is to see a man labor for an hour in painful argumentation to prove what the Bible simply affirms.

The Rev. W. R. Parker was elected President of the London Conference, and the Rev. D. G. Sutherland, Secretary. Our readers have no doubt already learned the issue of the debate on union, and the rejection of the present scheme by that Conference by a vote of 101 to 88.

We are glad to see that on Saturday last the Episcopal Bishop of Huron was introduced to the Presbyterian Assembly in session at London, Ont. A despatch to the Chronicle says that "he appreciated the honor, regarded the Presbyterian as a sister church and prayed that God might bless it."

A noble stand has been taken by the Governor of New York, Cleveland, in giving his veto to the act of the State legislature appropriating the sum of \$20,000 to a "Catholic Protectory" in New York City.

On the other side of the ocean every traveller carries with him his Railway Guide. Smaller publications of a similar kind will soon be indispensable in the Maritime Provinces.

It is sometimes necessary at this season of the year to remind our readers of the restrictive rule of the Book Committee in reference to the publication of complimentary resolutions.

The following are the officers of Mount Allison Alumnae for 1883-4: President, Mrs. J. L. Dawson, B. S.; Lockport, N. S.; Vice-Presidents, Miss Sarah B. Pickard, Sackville; Miss Lorea Tweedie, M. L. A., Hampton; Mrs. Josiah Wood, Sackville; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Annie Inch, M. L. A., Sackville.

The numerous sales of Sunday School libraries this spring prove that Methodists are learning that better and cheaper libraries cannot be obtained than those found at our Book-room.

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Madrid, Spain, has five Protestant chapels representing the Church of England, the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland, the Irish Presbyterian Church, and the American Baptist Society.

The Presbyterian Witness says in reference to the expected appointment of Matthew H. Richey, M. P. to be Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia:

Mr. Richey will fill with prudence and dignity an office which has been occupied by very distinguished and able men, chief among whom we gladly place Hon. Joseph Howe and Hon. A. G. Archibald.

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

The Cumberland District meeting was held in the church, Pugwash, commencing on the 13th inst., the Rev. J. Cassidy presiding. All the ministers in the District were present, except the brethren Hemmeon and Bird.

The following brethren were elected to represent the District in Conference Committees:—Stationing Com., Rev. J. Gaetz; S. School Com., Rev. J. Mosher; Miss. Com., W. Oxley, Esq.; Church Fund Com., Rev. J. R. Borden.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

A memorial service was held in the basement of the Prince Street Methodist Church, yesterday afternoon, for the members of the Sunday-school who had died during the year.

PARSONAGES.

Zion's Herald has these remarks on parsonages:—"The parsonage of an itinerant preacher ought to be, if not spacious and elegant, yet a cheerful and comfortable home. It is a bitter trial to a cultivated woman subjected to the inconveniences inseparable from life in our ministry, to find herself in a dreary, badly built, cramped, half-furnished, inconvenient parsonage."

THE SITUATION.

The Canada Christian Advocate, the organ of the M. E. Church, thus views the present position:—

The opposition shown among a few ministers in our own church, was very generally commented upon as very significant compared with recent action on the part of a large number of ministers of the C. M. Church.

This hostility to the Union Basis is very much to be regretted, because it is likely to awaken a feeling that we hoped would never again be aroused. It is exceedingly desirable in order to make Union a real good, and a blessing to all the interests involved, that there should be the most possible Christian fraternity and brotherly love cherished and maintained by all who enter it.

This opposition on the part of so many of our brethren in the Methodist Church of Canada may not imperil the Union movement, but it may possibly inject an element into the future negotiations of a very disagreeable nature.

The same paper, of June 13th, gives the vote of the M. E. Church on that date:—

Total number of Quarterly Conferences voting, 51; of these 11 were unanimous in favor, 33 by majority vote, 4 opposed, and 3 ties.

ENGLISH MINISTERIAL TRAINING.

The Rev. F. W. Macdonald, Tutor at Handsworth, writes to the Nashville Christian Advocate:

Our new college at Handsworth is one of the finest buildings, both in architectural effect and internal completeness of arrangements belonging to us as a Church. It is the result of an outlay of a little over £40,000, and provides ample accommodation for seventy students and a modest tutorial staff.

It was reasonable enough, if it would not be better to have them fewer in number and larger, in order to admit of a complete organization of the staff of teachers and plan of studies, as well as to secure the benefits arising from the intercourse of a larger body of men.

IN HIGH

While the Ritz Episcopal Church hides its Romeward cry of "The Church is well that Paul made aware of."

A SABBATH

The Louisville Railroad cities named with Indian names, with hundreds of miles first class road.

THE OFFICERS

The world, led, are the Joseph Malin C. Rev. W. S. J. T.—13 gan, England Forsyth, Bos Wm. W. Turner R. W. G. T.—12 Scotland. R. Boyd, Hudd G. M., Sack Swelton, R. Rhyll, Wales Artrell, Key Mess., Prof. Smith, Douglas Sentinel, W. P. R. W. G. T. Glasgow, Scotland.

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A ponderous, contacted by Mr. Her "churches, gathered for registration showing the which such buildings belong in England and chapel denomination Established leyan Methodists, 2,000; Baptists, 2,000;ists, 895; 1,000.

