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#### PICTOU.

Too late by an hour to obtain a glimpse of the Millennium! So our first feeling in Pictou was one of regret and disappointment. But in all candour no one expected that the millennium would appear in that quarter. Light has always come from the east. Civilization has gradually come from that direction.

"Without the Star of Empire takes its way." So that we had neither history or prophecy to guide us, and could not be responsible for the future we had suffered. Besides, we had Cities of greater pretensions in all the elements of religion and knowledge; although to find that this Northern town was to introduce the Millennium, was after all quite consonant with a record of ancient times which declares that an obscure village, even which Pictou is not) might become the birth place of great characters and events.

Actually, though I about this sign. The Free Church Minister, the U. P. Minister, the Kirk Minister, the Episcopal Minister, and our own Mr. Brown, had held on Saturday evening, (during sessions for such fellowship) their weekly Preachers' Meeting. How long this has been going on we did not enquire; enough that the auspicious season had dawned upon the world. But a solitary clergyman within the bounds of this town who does not meet to counsel and pray with his Brethren! Shall the day ever come when the Roman Catholic Priest, true to his profession to-day in all conformity to an imperious creed, and the haughty sacerdotalist, who mimics the Priest's habits and garb without having the courage to take rank under the Pope (whose purposes he serves) shall come down to the regions of New Testament common sense and fulfil the prophecy—"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one to another"? Greater things have happened.

The Methodism of Pictou had to be content, like its more illustrious predecessors, with scant fare and homely quarters for several successive years. And like those, it has come to be respectable in God's good time. A prettier little piece of freestone we have rarely seen than that with which the little church there has been beautified. To go it was astonishing, that in these days of panic prices, so much could have been accomplished in making this sanctuary comfortable and attractive for so small a cost. We almost distrust still that there has been some slight benevolence at work which does not appear in the balance sheet. But, assuming that the boast is candid, we are constrained to say—in Pictou there is a rare young Artist who has a fine eye, a masterly execution, and a good conscience! Noble work and reasonable wages.

Having said this much—in real congratulation of the favour shown by God to His people in Pictou—we hope our remarks will not have the effect of precipitating that quiet, godly, growing Town a rash of population in search of the long sought El Dorado, and so by overwhelming the place, bring the reverse of what in all sincerity we have desired—namely, that they may grow in virtue and goodness; be saved from the corruptions and antagonisms begotten of large communities; and be always blessed with such Ministers as they have at present.

#### SOUTH AND NORTH.

Two notable things to us appear in the *Nashville Christian Advocate* of September 15th. One is the ardent congratulations of its readers over the reappointment of Dr. Summers to its management, the term being for four more years. As a sprightly, orthodox, talented writer, the Doctor seems to be as well appreciated among his own people as by his readers in the distance. Cutting right and left at the foes of Truth and morality, he still manages to maintain an attitude and expression of genuine Christian meekness and love.

The other circumstance to which we allude is the very liberal space devoted in the paper to the proceedings of our recent Conference. This is but one of several instances in which we have noticed that the gifted paragraphs of our Conference Reporter have caught the eye, and secured for us an unusual extent of consideration. In our statistics—notably those of missions—our contemporaries have seen much that is suggestive, notwithstanding we were but a fragment of Methodism—a condition which has since been happily changed. The absence of any allusion to Southern Methodism, in the addresses of Delegates and responsive Resolutions, could not but impress a reader conversant with the extent and power of the great organization in the Southern States, especially when regarding, as in the case of Dr. Summers, the fair reputation of that ecclesiastical cause. We can heartily assure our conferees that here we have no prejudices which would offset our sympathies—that the followers of Wesley, South as deep in our prayers as those of any country or section of country in the world. Eagerly do we look forward to the time when the happiness of union shall crown their existence, as it has been leading some enthusiasm, in a different way, to our own Methodism here.

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A METRODIST MONTHLY FOR THE DOMINION.—We furnish our readers with a letter, the second which has appeared on this subject recently in the columns of the *Guardian*. The suggestion was mooted by one of our own literary and scholarly correspondents several months ago, so that it will not be regarded as a novel idea. That the project is feasible no one will doubt who has any faith in the future of this country or the vitality of the Methodist Church. The day is not very far distant which will witness from fifteen to twenty annual Conferences of our Connexion in Canada, the least of which will equal the richest and strongest of to-day. That such a body will be able to sustain,—nay, that it will absolutely require literature, self-education, of the very highest class, no one will question.

Much, of course, would depend, as to the success of such a serial, upon its Editorial management and the genius of its contributors. We shall not discuss the question of the Church's ability to infuse into a Magazine of its own sufficient soul and energy to render it self-sustaining. To doubt this would be an insult to at least five hundred gentlemen,—we shall not say how many Ladies! But such generalship would be required in calling out and leading on the best, as only some man of rare wisdom and attainments could be expected to display. However, the project once authorized by General Conference, no doubt Providence would bring the Leader to the point.

Our Hymn Book.—Just now the venerable compilation known as the Wesleyan Hymn Book is in the throes of trial and alternation. Happening at this crisis, when our Conference is cut loose from the Parent Body, it may be providential that the Book has been a cause of much question and agitation—has been subjected to the stern consideration of future change. Our intercession for the future will be (as indeed it has been in the past) more with Americans than English Methodism. Would it not be advisable for our General Conference, to take measures towards securing, if possible, a Committee to act with a similar Committee of the General Conference, or Conferences, in the United States, with a view to compiling a Hymn Book for this Continent? The work of revision and alteration has been entered upon by our English Brethren, so that all concert with them is out of the question, unless it shall be found that the Book by them to be published would suit for universal adoption. That question, might, however, come under consideration of the Joint Committee to which we refer. It would be well for Delegates, Lay as well as Clerical, to forecast the probabilities of discussion on the Hymn Book question in September. It will require all their wisdom and strength of judgment.

#### THE BELL OF THE DEAD, AS MAY BE SEEN ON OUR FIRST PAGE, HAS BROUGHT OUT THIS YEAR IN THE ENGLISH CONFERENCE SEVERAL NAMES IN WHICH WE OF THESE PROVINCES FEEL DEEPLY INTERESTED. IT IS A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE THAT AMONG THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD OF OUR MOTHER CHURCH THREE SUCH NAMES AS SCOTT, NIGHTINGALE AND CRANWICK, SHOULD APPEAR IN THE OBITUARY RECORDS OF A SINGLE COLUMN. DR. SCOTT, SO TRUE, GENUINE AND FAITHFUL AS A FRIEND—SO UPRIGHT AND DEVOTED AS A CHRISTIAN—SO TRUSTFUL AND APOSTOLIC AS A PREACHER, CAN NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY THOSE WHO ENJOYED HIS ACQUAINTANCE. ADAM NIGHTINGALE'S LIFE CAN ONLY BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY SUCH AS HAVE TRODDEN THE GROUND WHERE HIS LENGTHENED MINISTRY WAS SO WELL SEEN. OF CRANWICK WE ONLY KNOW THAT HIS NAME HAS BEEN TRACED ON OUR METHODOIST HISTORY HERE SO DEEPLY THAT THE FRICITION OF YEARS HAS NOT BEEN CAPABLE OF ERASING IT.

#### ENTERPRISE.—THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. NO BETTER EVIDENCE IS EXPRESSED OF THE GROWTH OF THIS COUNTRY ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE ABILITY OF MEN LIKE MR. BLACK ON THE OTHER. WE WISH THE *Amherst Gazette*, thrice enlarged, an additional pressure to produce a further expansion of columns which are always fresh and welcome.

#### DEATH OF A YOUNG MINISTER.

DEAR BRO. NICHOLSON.—Bro. J. W. H. Crowell of the East Maine Conference, died at Orléans, Maine, August 23rd. He will be remembered by many of the ministers of your Conference, as he lived and taught school a number of years in Fredericton and vicinity. He preached his first sermon at Grand Lake, N. B., in the presence of Rev. George Harrison, if my memory serves me correctly. Four years ago last May we joined the East Maine Conference, passed the required examinations, and were ordained together. He is gone, I am left. In our Conference he stood high. His whole life, in the public and out of it, told for Christ and the Christian religion. We all loved him. He did good work while he lived, and died in the triumphs of that Gospel he so faithfully preached. Tomorrow we bury him as bravely, his former station. May God bless the widow and little son.

#### As for ourselves we are all well, and do the best we can for the Master. God is with us and our souls are blessed of Him.

Yours, etc.

Sebec, Maine, Aug. 25, 1874.

#### CIRCULAR.

I am authorized by W. H. Olive, Esq., International Ticket Agent, St. John, N. B., to say, that he will sell Tickets to the Clerical and Lay Representatives to the Methodist General Conference at Toronto, and their wives, for the round trip, as follows:

From St. John, via International Steamship Company, to Portland; thence by Bo-

at and Main Railroad to Boston; thence by Fall River Line to New York; thence by Erie Railroad to Niagara Falls; thence by New York Central Railroad to Lewiston; thence by Steamer to Toronto; thence by Grand Trunk Railway or Royal Mail Line Steamer to Montreal; thence by Grand Trunk Railway to Portland, thence by International Steamer to St. John. Fare Thirty-seven dollars, Canada currency. Duration about Two thousand miles. Ministers can secure, by applying to H. W. Chisholm, Esq., Agent, St. John, a "Corymbus" Ticket, for passage, from St. John to Portland, good to return, at one fare, viz: Forty dollars. The fare for the whole round trip, to Orléans, via this route will be Thirty-three Dollars. Tickets good for two months; and persons can lay over a day or more at any point.

The Clerical delegates are Revs. Henry Pope, Dr. D. Currie, Dr. Pickett, Joseph Hart, Dr. Stewart, J. Prince, J. Taylor, H. McKinnon, N. B. & P. E. I. Conference and R. v. J. McMurray, S. F. Huestis, A. W. Moore, J. A. Wood, J. L. Smith, L. Gaets, E. Brettle, and W. C. Brown, Nova Scotia.

The Lay delegates are Mr. Gov. Wilcox, Hon. W. G. Strong and E. E. Lookhart, Z. Chipman, A. Rowley, D. Allison, B. Lestrail and G. R. Barr, Esqrs., of N. S. and P. E. I. Conferences; Mr. W. H. Allison, Israel Longworth, O. Langill, M. Tupper, E. C. Foster, T. M. Lewis, J. N. Freeman, W. B. McNutt, and A. Hart, Esqrs., of Nova Scotia.

The names of Delegates from Newfoundland will be given hereafter. I have made inquiry concerning other routes to Toronto, but got no information which appears so satisfactory as the above. For further particulars, inquire of Mr. Olive, St. John, N. B.

D. D. CURRIE,  
Charlottetown, Aug. 24, 1874.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

The first meeting of the Conference was held at St. John's, commencing Wednesday morning August 5th. As the Gowen Street Church was undergoing repairs at the time, it fell to the lot of the new and beautiful sanctuary in George Street to witness the inauguration of the first Conference. The opening exercises were under the direction of the co-Delegates of the late Conference of Eastern British America, who at the request of the Brethren consented to perform this duty. After the singing of the hymn, the reading of a portion of Scripture, and President Pickett of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, and Father Sheenstone, led in prayer.

The votes being taken for the President, Rev. G. B. Milligan, A.M., was placed in nomination, and Rev. John Goodison Journal Secretary. Each of these officers acknowledged the honour of the position and pledged himself to serve the Conference according to ability and opportunity.

Brothers Bryant and Bond were appointed Secretaries. It having been decided that the President for the year should occupy the Chair of the District in which he resides, the Rev. G. B. Milligan, A.M., was therefore appointed Chairman of the St. John's District, and Rev. Thomas Harris was elected Chairman of the Carbonear District. The Financial Secretaries for the last year received again the nomination of their respective Chairmen, which the Conference approved of and confirmed.

At noon the first day of the Conference prayer was commenced. A goodly number of our people joined in the hallowed exercises. It was a season of profit, a holy influence pervading the assembly as prayer or after prayer rose to heaven for the "enduring power from on high" to rest upon the Methodist Church at this important crisis.

The attention of the Conference was occupied for some time in considering the best method for working the Children's Fund. The result was the adoption of a new basis, viz., a uniform proportion of the salary of the minister to the number of ministers employed thereon respectively; on the Mission Stations half that amount for the first four years. It is confidently hoped that the new arrangement will be successful in its operation.

Dr. Pickett, who presided in our midst was hailed with pleasure, kindly favoured the Conference with valuable suggestions and advice on this and other important matters. Before he left, he expressed himself as highly gratified in being permitted to take an interest in the work of the Church in every part of these Provinces, and indeed, of this wide Dominion, that, through the providence of God we are enjoying a considerable degree of prosperity. Six years have passed away since a Methodist Church was formed and established in this town, and now favourable auspices. At the solicitation of a number of pious and faithful men, whose doctrinal views were similar to our own, the Conference was requested to send a minister and assume the pastorate of a Congregation under the care of the "Evangelical Union." The young member of the Christian family was received by its sister Churches in this town with fraternal greetings, and its right to respect and confidence promptly recognized.

As we have lived in peace, so has the God of peace and love blessed us, and during the six years of its existence here, the Church has been growing and taking deeper root. God has manifested his favour. The ministry of Mr. Gaets here was attended with much of the power of the Holy Spirit, and his labours were blessed to Christ in these days, and since then God has continued to show that he is still with us.

On my arrival here three years ago, I found a prosperous little Church worshipping in a plain edifice which was, notwithstanding, the result of the exertions of my predecessor, still burdened with a heavy debt. One of our first cares was to get that debt removed. This was soon accomplished, the congregation, and especially a few who would not wish to be named there, manifesting a liberality which quite astonished me.

Our next care was to repair and renovate the building. This was undertaken just before the last Conference. When, five years ago, Dr. Pusehouse was viewing the property, which the Conference had then recently acquired, he suggested that we should supply a minister, he suggested the outfit of a considerable sum into the interior. This sum and a good deal more has just been expended, and our church edifice now with its frescoed walls and ceiling, its improved pews, and its carpeted aisles, might almost satisfy the fastidious taste of the President of the British Conference. The Artist, (Mr. McKenzie) by whose brush the interior appearance of our building has been so improved, has, perhaps, no superior in his art. He has not, indeed, put forth all his strength upon this piece of work, but he has certainly made our church beautiful with that chaste and elegant beauty upon which the eye loves to rest.

We are grateful to the timely and valuable assistance of the Editor of the *Wesleyan* at our opening services, and we think that his editorial and other duties have not in the least impaired his pulpit power. The Rev. Dr. Bayne, pastor of Prince Street Church, (Presbyterian) preached in the afternoon a noble and impressive discourse from Psalm 87. The whole passed off well, and we feel persuaded that the discourses will not soon be forgotten. The collections which were taken to defray in part the expenses of the undertaking amounted to \$114 30.

Our next want is a parsonage, for which we may have to ask aid from some of those noble men in different parts of the Provinces, to whom God has given wealth and wealth, with a strong connexion feeling, which leads them from time to time to assist the smaller and weaker churches which are striving to attain a state of independence,

year be delivered by the retiring President. The work within the boundaries of the Conference is extending. About 36 Circuits and Stations are now occupied by more than 100 preachers. The prospect for the future is hopeful, but we realize that the Divine blessing and guidance are especially needed at this important crisis in the history of Methodism in the Island.

The work of the Conference being done, the minutes were signed and after brief discourse, the Brethren separated to hasten each to his field of toil, thence to win still greater victories in the name and strength of the Captain of the Lord's Hosts.

#### Correspondence.

##### LETTER FROM DORCHESTER.

South Rockland, a part of the Dorchester circuit, held their Sabbath school festival last Thursday evening. It was an enjoyable affair. The afternoon was spent in a picnic. The recitations, with dialogues, music and singing took place in the evening. The young people acquitted themselves well before a large audience gathered to hear them. The school numbers about 80 children, under the superintendence of Robert Chapman, Esq. who attends very closely and faithfully to his charge, in which he takes much delight; he is assisted by zealous teachers. The school exists in the midst of a rural neighbourhood in already a town in miniature, built up with astonishing rapidity in the last few years. This is a great measure owing to the untiring energy and liberality of the proprietor, Robert A. Chapman, Esq. A large number of his families, are provided for within the shipping yard and other employment. He has originated a good day school, and provides well for the moral and spiritual improvement of the people in the means of grace.

The inhabitants are mostly the workers of the mill, and are a generous people in proportion to their means. When there is occasion to solicit aid for missions, or for the support of the gospel at home, and for any good object whatever, they quite surpass in liberality any part of our circuit. They are well rewarded in this life and the life to come.

Our Sabbath school in Dorchester held their annual festival this month. The day proved favorable, the attendance of children and friends was very good; our school here, we were glad to see, has increased in large numbers. It is doing good work for the young.

##### LETTER FROM PICTOU.

Mr. Editor.—I have great pleasure in conveying to you the thanks of our congregation for your kindness in consenting, at the request of the Brethren, to be our Church last Sabbath. If you could vacate the Editorial chair long enough, I would take the opportunity of passing some deserved eulogiums upon your truly admirable sermons delivered on that occasion. I must, however, refrain from saying anything in the letter which your modesty would forbid you to print, since the communication is designed for the press.

I wish, however, through your columns, to say to the readers of the "PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN" many of whom, I feel persuaded, take an interest in the opinions of our Church in every part of these Provinces, and indeed, of this wide Dominion, that, through the providence of God we are enjoying a considerable degree of prosperity. Six years have passed away since a Methodist Church was formed and established in this town, and now favourable auspices. At the solicitation of a number of pious and faithful men, whose doctrinal views were similar to our own, the Conference was requested to send a minister and assume the pastorate of a Congregation under the care of the "Evangelical Union." The young member of the Christian family was received by its sister Churches in this town with fraternal greetings, and its right to respect and confidence promptly recognized.

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and to provide comfortable homes for those ministers of Christ, who may in God's providence become the helpers of their faith. And here we take the opportunity of thanking the Church of England, whose contributions in Halifax and elsewhere, whose contributions aided, a few years ago, in placing our church in an unembarrassed state. Their names are known to God.

W. C. B.

#### Miscellaneous.

##### THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN AND THE WESLEYANS.

(By Telegraph to London Daily News.)

CAMBORNE, Monday night.

The Conference was occupied a considerable time in discussing a correspondence letter before them by the Secretary. It appeared that the Rev. H. Keet, one of the Wesleyan ministers, recently lost a daughter, who was buried in Owston Ferry Churchyard. He instructed a mason to place a stone at the head of the grave, but the vicar of the place, the Rev. G. E. Smith, refused to allow it to be put up unless the words "Rev." and "Wesleyan minister," contained in the inscription, were erased. The vicar unconsciously refused to have anything to do with the Rev. Mr. Keet, and would only communicate with him through the sexton. Mr. Keet thereupon wrote to the Bishop of Lincoln, from whom he received the following reply:

Sir,—In reply to your letter received this morning, I beg to inform you that it is the duty of an incumbent to examine the epitaphs which it may be proposed to inscribe on grave-stones in the churchyard of his parish, and that he is required by law to make objections to anything in them which in his judgment is liable to exception.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

LINCOLN.

Mr. Keet thereupon wrote to the Archbishop as follows:

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LINCOLN.

Mr. Henry Keet, Wesleyan preacher.

The reading of these letters created a great sensation in the Conference. The Secretary of the Conference said something was due to Mr. Keet.

The Rev. Josiah Pearson said something was due to the Bishop.

The Rev. Dr. James said if ever a man should have an interest in their sympathies, as labouring under monomania, the worthy Bishop was that man. He suffered under an ecclesiastical monomania which prevented the proper exercise of his reasoning faculties.

The Secretary of the Conference said the Conference must do what was right, and maintain its dignity. The last letter read seemed to be mouldy. It belonged to a past generation—not to this age. He would not express any contempt in the Conference although he felt much. He hoped the correspondence would be referred to the committee of privileges.

The President thought that the only action which could be taken would be to give the letters world-wide publicity.

A question was asked if legal advice had been taken on the subject.

The Rev. John R. Hargreaves submitted to the Conference that a resolution should be passed expressive admiration of the Archbishop, denunciation of the Bishop, and in support of Mr. Keet.

The Rev. M. Harz asked if it felt right to publish the Archbishop's letter without his consent. He felt sure this correspondence would do good to some of them who had been a little slow, and urged them to adopt the views of those in advance of them in regard to some subjects. There was a good case, and he hoped the Conference would exercise timely caution, and that Mr. Keet would get ample justice. This correspondence, he was sure, would help on a great movement which had been before the country some time.

The Rev. Luke Wiseman thought that the whole correspondence should be made public through the usual channels of information. He hoped it would be published, and the question with him rather was, if it were wise for the Conference to go out of its way to pass a special resolution on the matter.

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