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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The *Sunday School Times* tells of a Sunday school in New York of which it is said no one in the school, teacher or taught, is allowed to bring a lesson paper or any printed help. The Bible is to be at hand, and every reference is to be made direct to its pages; in consequence, the paramount authority of the word of God is impressed by word and act, and the school is emphatically a Bible school.

Here are some excellent seed thoughts from an article in the *Prophetic*: "Love is the instinct of good manners. Conventionalisms are not necessarily or invariably the best ways of saying and doing the best things. They may be nothing else than ugly mannerisms. The spirit of love will forever keep good manners from petrifying into mannerisms. In broken faced formality there is none of the spirit of courtesy."

Vigilance committees are being formed in some of the Dundee (Scotland) churches. The members of the committee scatter themselves over the church and note absentees and strangers. Any member out of his place for two Sabbaths is reported to the minister, who immediately adopts means to ascertain the reason why. In like manner strangers attending for two Sabbaths are looked after with the view of attaching them to the congregation.

The poorest girls in the world are those who have never been taught to work. There are thousands of them. Rich parents have petted them; they have been taught to despise labor and depend upon others for a living, and are perfectly helpless. If misfortune comes upon their friends, as it often does, their case is hopeless. The most forlorn and miserable women upon the earth belong to this class. It belongs to parents to protect their daughters from this deplorable condition.—*Home Gazette*.

A brisk little storm sometimes purifies the atmosphere wonderfully. This is true ecclesiastically, as well as politically, and physically. Secular papers may have sensational head lines, and make disrespectful remarks about lively discussions at Philadelphia, but that does not prove that there has been any thing more than a healthy agitation in the atmosphere of the General Conference. Ours is a militant Church, but its warfare tends to build up and not to destroy.—*Western Advocate*.

Judge Noah Davis, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, says in the *Homiletic Monthly*: "As a body the clergy of the country—and I include all denominations and all grades of ministers in this phrase—are, in my opinion, the poorest paid and yet the best instructed of the people in morality, virtue, justice, truth and humanity that we have. The exceptions are rare in which this is not true. Yet we are apt to take the exceptions as the rule, and thereby criticize and condemn the whole."

Among the deaths at the Richmond county Almshouse, Pa., a few days ago was Margaret Markey. She was a wreck from alcoholism. But a few years ago she was at the head of a highly esteemed family and had a comfortable fortune. One day she gave a friend a check for \$200, and asked that the sum be set aside until her death, and used to pay her funeral expenses, if necessary. Exactly seven years from the date of the check the money was paid to an undertaker who superintended the interment.—*Baltimorean*.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

SATURDAY.

After devotional exercises, Messrs. S. A. Chesley and W. K. Angwin, and Revs. A. D. Morton, A. M., E. E. England, and D. W. Johnson, A. B., were appointed Assistant Secretaries. Greetings were received from the Toronto Conference and reply ordered. A letter of sympathy was ordered to be written to Dr. Rice, in his great affliction.

Ballots were taken for a Nominating committee. An invitation from the Women's Missionary Society to tea, for Tuesday afternoon, was accepted. Revs. J. McMurray, D. D., W. C. Brown, and W. H. Hertz were appointed a committee on the Jubilee Fund. Revs. R. A. Temple, J. Cassidy, J. R. Borden, Hon. S. L. Shannon and A. Davison, Esq., were appointed a committee on rules of order.

Dr. Inch, President of Mount Allison College, addressed the Conference. He gave a most interesting sketch of the history of the Institutions with which he has been connected for more than thirty years, told of the difficulties with which they have had to contend throughout their entire history, and pointed out the marked successes which have attended the schools, notwithstanding all these obstacles. The record of our students in all the walks of life and in various countries is something in which we may take reasonable pride. Dr. Inch felt a deep conviction that the success of the educational policy of the Methodist Church cannot be gainsayed. With the history of the past before us we should not be discouraged. With patience, our Institutions will give increasing proofs of their usefulness and providential existence. Dr. Inch in conclusion paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Allison, widow of the sainted C. F. Allison, the founder of the Institutions. After remarks by several brethren, the following resolutions were passed, viz:—

That this Conference, having listened with great pleasure to the addresses from Dr. Inch, the President of Mount Allison College, desires to record its pleasure and satisfaction and to assure Dr. Inch of its unabated and warm interest in our educational institutions at Sackville.

That a committee of five be appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the views of this Conference in regard to our institutions.

That in compliance with the request of the Board of Governors for the appointment of one of the members of this Conference, specially to represent us in connection with the opening and dedication of the new college building, the Conference heartily appoint the President, the Rev. J. A. Rogers, to the discharge of this duty.

Dr. Inch called attention to the expressed intention to withdraw the Gilchrist Scholarship from Canada, and thought it would be a very good thing if the Governments of the Lower Provinces would provide a post-graduate scholarship to the yearly value of \$500, open to graduates of all chartered colleges.

Rev. J. Wier received leave of absence for one year to continue his studies. Rev. A. D. Morton, A. M., was appointed reporter to the *Christian Guardian*, Toronto. Rev. W. H. Hertz was elected representative to the General Missionary Board. The Nominating Committee's report recommending committees for the year led to considerable conversation as to their constitution.

It was decided to form Five Islands and neighboring communities into a separate mission.

Baddeck and Margaree were set apart from Port Hood to form a separate mission. Brenton mission, in Yarmouth District, is to appear on the minutes for the first time.

Rev. J. C. Ogden was allowed a year's absence on account of illness. Resolved that a telegram be sent to Dr. Carman and the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference to see if any available probationers can be procured for our work.

MONDAY.

Rev. J. Astbury and Mr. W. B. McNutt offered prayer. The committee on rules of order recommended the rules in the Discipline with a few modifications. The question, "Shall we have a Conference evangelist?" was discussed at considerable length and referred to a special committee.

A small committee was appointed to suggest some method for providing for the Nova Scotia Conference portion of indebtedness, arising out of the General Conference expenses. The Book Steward, Editor, and R. A. Temple were associated with the Secretary in the publication of the minutes. It was resolved that the minutes be printed in journal form.

Rev. S. F. Huestis presented the statement of the Eastern section of the Book Concern and addressed the Conference, giving much information with reference to its affairs. Con-

sation followed relative to the financial condition of the concern and the relation it sustains to the General Conference. All felt the necessity of being loyal to the Wesleyan and Book-room interests. The following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

That this Conference, having had submitted to it a statement of the Eastern Book Room and Wesleyan office, and having listened to an address from the Book Steward, desires to record its appreciation of the self-denying and arduous labors of Rev. S. F. Huestis; and whilst it assures him of our unabated interest in the advancement of this important interest of the Church, recommends very earnestly to our people that they patronize our Book-room and connexional organ.

In the afternoon it was resolved that Dr. Pickard be appointed our attorney, in association with Hon. S. L. Shannon, in connection with the Jubilee Fund, and the President be directed to affix his signature to all necessary documents.

The evangelist question came up again, and after some discussion was referred back to committee.

The Annual Conference Educational Anniversary was held in the evening, the President in the chair. An excellent report was read by the Rev. E. B. Moore. We regret that we have not space for the whole. It concludes:

Other denominations are thoroughly awake to this educational matter, and are following it up with a spirited enthusiasm worthy of emulation. In truth, they are leading us in a race in which we cannot afford to be left behind. To an extent which we dare not ignore, the future of Methodism in these Provinces depends upon this movement. Education and culture our families must have, and it remains for us to say whether this matter shall be done by ourselves or entrusted to those who will turn our children from the faith of their fathers. This, we repeat, is a matter of vital importance with us, and the manner in which we deal with it will commend us to the gratitude of our successors for wisdom or expose us to their righteous indignation for miserable shortsightedness and willful neglect.

We are glad to report an increase to the funds of this society during the year of about \$70.

Rev. J. R. Borden gave an eloquent and comprehensive address on the importance of the religious element in education. A. McN. Patterson, of Acadia Seminary, Horton Landing, spoke earnestly on the necessity of beginning the educational process early in life. He lamented that through our country the moral side of the matter was neglected for the intellectual. An educator must be a thoroughly developed man, capable of directing the physical, intellectual and moral capabilities of the young. Rev. R. A. Daniel urged the claims of our institutions on the sympathy and benevolence of Christian people. This subject was practical, and he trusted it would be practically understood and appreciated. The interest of the meeting was maintained to the close.

TUESDAY.

The report of the Examining board was received. The Rev. E. Evans, of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, was introduced to the Conference. A small committee was appointed to draft a letter of sympathy to his Honor Lieut. Governor Richey, on the death of his late lamented father, the Rev. M. Richey, D. D.

The following Report of Special Committee in relation to Mount Allison College was presented.

The committee, after consideration of matters referred to them, recommends the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference.

1. That the Conference still adhere to the principle or policy of Educational administration avowed in the resolutions of 1864 and 1881, and especially reaffirms the following clauses.

1. That whereas Mount Allison has been committed to our connexion by the Providence of God, we should be recreant to our trust, did we not maintain it in full efficiency, or did we countenance any change that would deprive our people of the guarantee that the highest education of their children should be conducted on strictly Christian principles.

2. That the Conference believes in the necessity of granting equal justice to all denominations in the distribution

of state patronage, and approves of the action of the Board of Governors for the authorization of concerted arrangements with the representatives of other colleges appointed for that purpose.

3. The Conference approves of and would cordially support the scheme proposed and outlined by Dr. Inch for the establishing of a Maritime Scholarship in lieu of the Gilchrist, or in addition to it.

The Act of the Provincial Legislature respecting Union was laid on the table and read by the Secretary of Conference. A resolution was passed providing for the preparation of a model deed.

The report of the committee appointed to consider the best method of liquidating the proportion of the debt of General Conference apportioned to this Conference, recommended that missions should be exempted, and that all other circuits should be taxed according to income. On motion, it was ordered that the amounts contributed on the 1st of June, in response to the appeal of the Gen'l Supt. be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Conference of the Gen'l Conf. Fund, and be subject to the order of the Conf. Special Committee. It was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to recommend to the Conference some plan to apportion to the various objects suggested in the origination of the Missionary Relief and Extension Fund, the sum or sums which have been returned to the Conferences, and are now undivided. The Conference Treasurer of the Gen'l Conf. Fund was authorized to pay the Gen'l Treas'r., whenever he demands the amount, the sum taxed on the Nova Scotia Conference by the Gen'l Conf. of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The committee on evangelistic work having reported, it was resolved that this Conference, having had its attention directed by several Districts to the importance of the employment of an evangelist, records its conviction of the value of such an agency, and highly commends the movement and sincerely trusts that in the near future an arrangement will be made for the consummation of this object.

The Children's Fund was the order of the day. A general discussion followed, and it was made the order of the day for Wednesday.

LADIES' MISSIONARY MEETING.

At 4 p. m., the Conference, by invitation, adjourned to the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. A delightful meeting followed. Mrs. S. F. Huestis gracefully discharged the duties of the Chair. Mrs. Whiston read an admirable report. Rev. J. A. Rogers followed in a happy speech. Mrs. D. Allison read an excellent paper on "Woman and her work." Addresses followed from Revs. R. Brecken, A. M., J. Lathern, D. D., J. Strothard, and S. F. Huestis. A bountiful tea followed and the 300 guests went away feeling that a most pleasant and profitable gathering had been held.

LECTURE.

In the evening there was a lecture by the Rev. E. Evans of Marysville, N. B., on "The Origin of the Organization and Government of Christian Churches." The lecturer traced the origin of this organization during the first two and a half centuries of its existence, without regard to any of the theories and prepossessions which are current in the world to-day. For this purpose he divided the time into four periods—the Petrine and Pauline age, the Johannine age, the Sub-Apostolic age, and the Transitional age. The documents of each of these periods were considered, quotations made from them to substantiate all the assertions made, and it was shown that during each of these periods the churches were self-governing, the Presbyters and Bishops equal in rank, and that the laymen took a prominent part in acts of public worship, in the administration of discipline and in the government of the church. The lecture was well delivered, and gave evidence of great research. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. lecturer.

WEDNESDAY.

Educational report adopted. Rev. R. O. B. Johnson, by request, was granted a supernumerary relationship. The draft of an address to Lieut. Gov. Richey was adopted.

The Sunday-school committee recommended the publishing of graded lesson leaves for the various ages of Sunday-school scholars. A committee on Church finance was appointed. The spiritual report was read. Progress in the varied departments of the Church is reported from every District. The net increase in membership is 338, making allowance for those who have died, removed from the Province and been dropped. The actual additions during the year were 978. A committee on the evangelist question was appointed, which shall have the matter under consideration, and report to Conference next year.

The consideration of the Children's Fund was resumed. Hon. S. L. Shannon began the debate, expressing his desire to see the day when the word deficiency would be unknown in our Church finances; also, when the Children's Fund, as such, would cease to exist, and in its stead be established a scheme by which each minister would at least have an income of \$800 a year.

After lengthened discussion the following resolution was adopted:— That the claimants on this fund shall be the children of supernumerary and deceased ministers, not otherwise provided for, and the children of ministers in the active work, providing no minister receiving from this fund shall be in receipt of more than \$800 per year including his children's claim; also that all children's claims shall cease at 18 years of age.

In the afternoon Wesleyan affairs were under consideration. The Editor, Rev. T. W. Smith, made a statement of the condition, work, and prospects of the paper. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Smith, showing the full appreciation by his brethren of his honest and earnest endeavors to make the paper a success.

The Conference urges upon our people the necessity of more strenuous efforts to extend the circulation of the paper.

The Children's Fund debate was resumed. Several resolutions referring to the administration of the fund were passed, when the breath of some of the more conservative members was fairly taken from them by the adoption of the resolution that "for the present year the claim for each child shall be the sum of five dollars." This practically sweeps away the fund, and it was felt that, to meet the case of many brethren on poorer circuits, a sustentation fund will need to be established.

This was the most animated debate of the session. The committee appointed to propose a scheme for the division of the moneys coming to this Conference from the Missionary Relief and Church Extension fund, recommended the appropriation of \$464 towards the payment of the Nova Scotia portion of the General Conference debt, \$1,000 as the nucleus of an evangelistic fund, and \$1,000 to the Parsonage Aid and Church Extension Fund.

THURSDAY.

Reports of committees were received and considerable routine business transacted. The Pastoral address was read by Rev. R. Brecken, A. M., and adopted. A number of ministers were appointed to assist in making the Berwick Camp-meeting a success.

The committee appointed to devise a substitute scheme for the Children's Fund and for other church purposes reported. It proposed a new fund to be called "The Ministerial Relief and Sustentation Fund." Considerable discussion had taken place, when Dr. Lathern moved that the scheme be recommended for the further consideration of the objections advanced.

In the afternoon, on the bringing in of the report of the committee, new difficulties were presented. It was

felt that great caution must be used, if conflict with the central authorities should be avoided. Rev. W. H. Hertz saw this danger, and asked what there was in the scheme to give it vitality and life. Dr. Lathern thought an extension of the Contingent Fund would serve the purpose.

Rev. W. C. Brown referred the bringing up of the former Home Mission Fund, and thought this a step in the direction of again separating the home and foreign work. Revs. Borden and Hertz both thought that the proposed course would bring us into conflict with the General Conference.

Mr. W. K. Angwin thought yesterday's vote a breach of faith with the aged ministers, and urged some new fund as a matter of justice. Rev. Thos. Rogers could not see any danger of conflict. Rev. G. O. Huestis preferred return to the old paths. After other addresses in the same line had been given, the Hon. S. L. Shannon said that he respected the rulings of the chair to the effect of the unconstitutionality of the proposed scheme, was of the same opinion, and suggested to meet the emergency caused by yesterday's vote by special elections.

In the evening resolutions of thanks were passed to the ladies of the W. F. M. S., to the friends in Halifax, to the ministers of the city, and to the press. The names of the District superintendents elected, and of the Financial officers chosen by them, will be found in the list of appointments. A temperance report, giving no uncertain sound, was also presented.

A report of the committee of the proposed new fund was set aside, and a motion to reconsider the vote to abolish the Children's Fund was carried. It was then resolved to take up the Children's Fund scheme clause by clause. Rev. J. Hart moved that the system now in force remain so for one year. This called forth several speakers, some with Dr. Allison afraid of the proposed changes, others seeing no chance for retreat. The final result was the acceptance of a motion by the Rev. A. D. Morton that the \$5 apportionment be restored, and that nothing be paid to children over eighteen, nor to those whose fathers have a salary of more than \$800, except that children of deceased ministers and supernumeraries, and of other ministers who have more than five children each, shall receive \$30 each. The midnight hour had arrived.

The following were appointed a committee to consider the question of sustentation and other questions relating to it and report at the next Conference: Revs. W. C. Brown, J. Cassidy, Dr. Lathern, Dr. McMurray, Hon. S. L. Shannon, J. W. Smith, Esq., and Dr. Woodbury. The Revs. W. H. Hertz and J. Strothard were appointed to act with the President in getting additional men.

A communication was read from the Lieut. Governor inviting the ministers and their wives remaining in the city to Government House on Saturday. Revs. W. G. Lane and R. Brecken were appointed to reply. The time and place of the ordination of D. M. Buttrick was entrusted to the President and chairman of the Halifax district. It was afterwards arranged to take place on Sunday evening at Windsor.

The Children's Fund Committee brought in a report and was then permitted to retire. Revs. J. Cassidy, A. D. Morton, F. Rogers, Dr. Lathern, and Messrs. J. W. Smith, R. J. Sweet, and M. B. Huestis were appointed a committee to meet on the Children's Fund, in Halifax at the time fixed for the meeting of the Missionary Committee.

After a few words from the President and ministers expressive of mutual satisfaction with the conduct of the chair and the brethren generally, the hour of adjournment arrived, the journal was signed and the proceedings closed with a hymn and prayer.

The Conference of 1885 will meet on the third Wednesday in June, at Lunenburg.

OUR HOME CIRCLE.

A RECLAIM SONG. [For the Lord, the God, bringeth thee into a good land...]

God has given me a song, A song of trust; And I sing it all day long, For sing I must; Every hour it sweeter grows, Keeps my soul in bliss repose, Just how joyful no one knows, But those who trust.

O, I sing it on the mountain, In the light; Where the radiance of God's sunshine Makes all bright; All my path seems light and clear, Have I had any very near, And I must do appear, To walk 'till night.

When I sing it in the valley, Dark and low; And my heart is crushed with sorrow, Pain and woe; Then the shadows flee away Like the night when dawns the day; Trust in God brings light away, I find it so.

When I sing it in the desert, Parched and dry; Living streams begin to flow, A rich supply; Verdant fields and anise grows, Deserts blossom like a rose, And my heart with gladness glows, At God's reply.

For I've crossed the River Jordan, And I stand In the blessed land of promise— Beulah land! Trust in: is like break here, Just as easy; don't and fear Vanish in this atmosphere, And life is grand.

NEGLECTED CHARITIES.

It was once my good fortune to know a Christian woman of rare intelligence and cultivation, whose home for life had been in a little provincial town, far removed from any of our great centres of culture, who yet would have shone in any circle as one of its brightest ornaments.

Her special gift was with her brush, and in many countless and lovely ways did she find opportunity for giving happiness and pleasure to others by the exercise of her gift. Sympathy, affection, and interest for the sick, the bereaved, the joyful, found each time some new and beautiful expression through her fingers. Church festivals, bright weddings, holiday fêtes of all kinds borrowed her generous, artistic taste, until life in that little town was made brighter, purer, and better for the influence of her five talents put out to the highest usury.

Another illustration which suggests itself is that of a lady possessed of fine literary tastes, who "never felt a good book had fulfilled its mission," to use her own words, "until it had gone to every one to whom it could be a benefit or a pleasure," and her deeds bore out her words. Believing in the power of a good book, possessed of ample means, and thrown by fortune into the midst of a fashionable circle, where her husband's position made her a leader, she lent her books here and there, elevating the tastes of many with whom she came in contact by her persistent faith in this mission for good.

Still another instance is that of a lady who became a great invalid after a life of active usefulness. Grievous was the burden of pain and inactivity. She mourned that even the opportunity for expressing sympathy with others' sorrows and joys was taken from her. Anxiously inquiring what was left for her to do, she remembered—who shall say it was not the Spirit's whisper?—that the pen was still left to her.

She watched every opening, and there went forth from that sick-room such words of strong cheer for others, of counsel and suggestion for Christian workers, messages of sympathy for the sorrowing, of rejoicing for those made glad, tender warning for the erring, as made Mrs. —'s notes an envied possession, and brought light and comfort to her own spirit, like a benediction.

There exists the reverse side of the picture in those who need our neglected charities. There are women of less favored fortune than our own, to whom the freedom of a library would be an intense delight; there are those longing for chances of self education, with whom we are bound, by a higher than any visible law, to share our own fuller store; there are those to whom the loan of a valuable book, a fine picture, a rare curiosity, is a charity as real and satisfying as the gift of bread to the hungry—and a joy far keener; there are those in social circles to whom a gentle and

gracious word, a thoughtful attention at the right moment, is to the sensitive spirit a charity bearing heart's ease with it; there are the toilers about you, whose work is hard and unceasing, into whose lot you may, by delicate tact and thoughtfulness, put many spots of brightness, I have known the gift of a bunch of violets to one toiling and lonely woman from another of gentle heart fulfill a mission like that of rain on the thirsty fields.

It is, O my sisters, that we shall each bring our alabaster box of ointment, very precious, and break it over the Saviour's feet, till it fill all the room—it is to this that I am calling you, and from the needs of my own heart sermonizing to hearts that throb with the same ambitions, hopes, intuitions, and affections.—Cor. Christian Observer.

AVALANCHES.

Hardly a season passes in Switzerland that lives are not lost and property destroyed by avalanches. Avalanches fall more or less all the year round, but the Grundwägen of winter and early spring are the most fatal and destructive. The records of such disasters go far back. On the 24th of January, 1458, the church of St. Placida, at Dissentis, and the manor-house of Gastion were destroyed and sixteen persons killed. A few days thereafter, two avalanches broke simultaneously above Tirus (between Disentis and Chur). Coming together in the Puntaigsthal, they formed one lawine, and flew over wood and wild, leaving death and destruction in their wake, as far as the valley of the Vorder Rhein.

In 1695, two goatherds of Churwalden, going home after milking their goats, with their milk tins on their backs, were struck down by an avalanche. The tins of one of them broke, and running over his head and down his neck, melted the snow from his mouth and nostrils, so that he could breathe. When disinterred, a few hours later, he was alive, while his companion, whose tin had not broken, was dead. In 1695, a peasant of Soglio (Graubunden), hearing the roar of a coming avalanche, threw himself under the lee of a wall. The wall saved him from being suffocated or crushed, and he succeeded in freeing himself; but in the struggle his garments got filled with snow, and the snow outside freezing that inside, he was encased in a panoply of ice, and had the greatest difficulty in getting home. Before undressing he had to be thawed.

In 1709, when Leukerbad was swept by an avalanche, whereby fifty-five of its inhabitants lost their lives, a youth by the name of Stephen Roth took refuge in a cellar and remained there eight days without food or drink. He had quite given himself up for lost, when he thought he heard a sound as of spades shoveling away snow. At this Roth struck up a psalm, and went on singing until he attracted the attention of the rescue party, who thereupon dug down to the cellar and set him free.

Avalanches play strange pranks sometimes. In 1806, an avalanche at Calancathal, in the Grisons, carried a wood bodily from one side of the valley to the other, and left it standing there; a pine tree was planted on the roof of the parsonage; and the villagers were provided with fire wood for many a year without the trouble of feteing it.

In 1824, fifty-two sledges, while journeying through the Scaletta Pass to Davos, were buried under a schneeschild, and the wind of it sent the drivers and passengers spinning through the air as if they had been shot from a mortar. The snow being fortunately loose and powdery, and the alighting soft, nobody was much hurt.

Cattle drovers, in their journeys over the Alps, often fall victims to avalanches. At certain times of the year they literally carry their lives in their hands.

Many a casket has been broken, and the gems of fine fancy have been scattered on the world, and the name of the self-immolating genius is now forgotten; but that box of ointment which the weeping penitent crushed over the feet of Jesus, will pour its fragrance through all time; for wherever there is a gospel to the hungry—and a joy far keener; there are those in social circles to whom a gentle and

FEMININE USE OF ADJECTIVES.

Gentlemen often say that the conversational powers of ladies would be more agreeable with a limited use of adjectives. The exaggerated use of adjectives, says the Hartford Times, is characteristic only of American women. Their constant habit of qualifying everything they see, hear, smell, taste, or touch by inappropriate superlatives is not contracted through ignorance. It arises from the ridiculous custom engendered during the giggling period of their school days. By habitual practice it becomes firmly established, follows them into maturity, debases their language, and makes them appear far more silly and frivolous than they really are. It is almost impossible for women to shake off this nonsensical habit formed in early youth. Their exaggeration of language is carried to an extent that not only becomes a serious consideration to ordinary observers, but also to learned men and professors. In conversation the other day a professor of Trinity College gravely enquired: "Why do ladies invariably mar their conversation by the repeated exclamation 'perfectly lovely'?" We do not wonder that he noticed it. There is nothing more tiresome during a lady's conversation than to hear the unceasing words "perfectly lovely." At the theatre, parties, weddings, funerals, lectures, prayer-meetings, and in horse-cars, steamboats, steam-cars, art galleries, milliners' and dry-goods shops, or at the dentist's, doctor's, and dressmaker's, indoors and outdoors, wherever American women are gathered together the inevitable chorus of "perfectly lovely" arises to arouse the half-contemptuous amusement of observers. The expression "perfectly lovely" is beginning to be perfectly unlovely by its gross misuse. It has a strong rival in the other also too common expression, "perfectly elegant."

How American women are laughed at abroad by the misplaced expressions of their new world exaggeration and enthusiasm! In nine cases out of ten they qualify customs, cathedrals, castles, and cows, as "perfectly elegant"; palaces, peers, peasants, and pigs are "perfectly lovely"; or sunsets, soldiers, sculpture, and sheep as "perfectly stunning." Is it any wonder that it excites ridicule? A year or two ago a Hartford gentleman who accompanied a relative—a young lady—on a trip up the Hudson River promised to give her a handsome silk dress if she would not utter the words "perfectly lovely" once during the journey. We never heard whether she won the dress. We presume not.

School teachers could do much to remedy this defect. It begins in school days. Then is the time to prevent the overflow of this bubbling effusion into later years. A modification of adjectives, an improvement in language, would be the result. Perhaps it would become "perfectly lovely."

IT IS THE CUSTOM.

Why is it that we cannot do as we wish in our own homes, without the fear of making some one talk? We must have just as many ruffles on Clara's dress as the daughters of our next neighbors, or it will be whispered about in such manner that the child's feelings will be hurt. We farmers' wives, with our many, many cares, must keep our stoves polished just as bright as those who have little to do, or keep strong foreign help to perform such hard tasks, or we shall be called "slack."

We who have a number of active, romping, mischief-loving little boys, must have our sitting-rooms just as orderly as our neighbor, who has just one sleepy little girl, who never makes any confusion of any kind, or they will say "What a poor house-keeper Mrs. So-and-so is!"

If we have passed through an unusually busy time, and feel that our strength is nearly exhausted, and long for one day of solid rest, with an interesting book to lift our thoughts away from these trifling cares, we scarcely dare to take it, for fear some one might call and find our house a little out of order! Oh, if we could add to our new year resolutions this one, our new year resolutions this one, to be more independent in our own homes—to do our duty without regard to "what will they say?"—to study the comfort of our family more, and care less for custom.—Country Gentleman.

WHAT IS HEAVEN?

"What is Heaven?" I asked a little child; "All joy!" and in her innocence she smiled.

I asked the aged, with care oppressed; "All suffering o'er, Oh! Heaven, at last, is rest!"

I asked a maiden, meek and tender eyed; "It must be love!" she modestly replied.

I asked the artist, who adored his art; "Heaven is all beauty!" spoke his raptured heart.

I asked the poet, with his soul afire; "Is glory—glory!" and he struck his lyre.

I asked the Christian, waiting her release; "A halo round her, low she murmured: 'Peace!'"

So all may look with hopeful eyes above, "The beauty, glory, joy, rest, peace and love!"

THE HOSPITALITY OF FURNITURE.

A writer on taste has incidentally called attention to certain principles that must be observed in a room if it is to impress the visitor with a sense of comfort or beauty. For one thing there must be a variety in it. It is not necessary to buy a whole set of furniture alike, but there should be one prevailing color, a solid basis on which to build. There should also be care taken to furnish the wall spaces. It is an admirable plan to pull a sofa out, but if in doing so a great empty space is left the room is made bare. In such a case the sofa could be turned so as to break the stiff line, and yet remain against the wall. But the great secret of comfort and of giving an immediate effect of pleasant living is in the making of corners.

What does an open fire amount to if an easy chair does not stand in front of it, or a lovely view from a window if the curtain has to be drawn up and the visitor has to stand to look out? No, what we want is the chair by the fire; the light on the table and the lounge pushed near it; the easy seat by the window where a good light falls all ready and waiting. It is all in vain to put baskets of bright wools about, magazines or portfolios of engravings, to give a "home look," if the convenient and comfortable seat is not added. The visitor who, coming in, finds an easy chair by the fire, and near it the little stand with the magazine, can endure waiting a few moments, because he feels that his welcome has met him. The chair by the window, the fan ready to be picked up, the bench under the tree, the seat on the porch, are the successes of hospitality. It is not given to every one to appreciate pictures, or to feel color, but every one delights in being made comfortable.

STUDY THE WORD.

Whoever searches and studies his Bible earnestly, and especially the teachings of Jesus Christ, reflecting upon what he learns and trying to apply it to his own life, inevitably will become a sagacious as well as a spiritually minded Christian. If any doctrinal or practical question arise on which he desires light, he will find its answer, if he need to learn how to answer it, in the inspired pages. Let him study for himself what God has taught about the truths of religion; the virtues and graces which form a holy character; the temptations which beset it; the personal experience of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and other early believers, and most of all, of Jesus Himself; and he will become strong mentally no less than spiritually rich and influential. He may not always at first see things as other believers see them. In some respects probably his individuality will assert itself always, like theirs. But, thus studying and reflecting, he and they alike will grow to be powerful for God, by reason of their own reverent and humble yet mighty confidence in Him, their accurate and profound understanding of His teachings, and their wise and sympathetic helpfulness in explaining and enforcing them to others.—Congregationalist.

WORK AND TRUST.

During a long course of years, even to the closing fortnight of his life, in his last sickness, Dr. Judson lamented that all his efforts in behalf of the Jews had been a failure. He was departing from the world saddened with that thought. Then, at last, there came a gleam of light that thrilled his heart with grateful joy. How did it come? Unexpectedly. Mrs. Judson was sitting by his side while he was in a state of great languor, with a newspaper, a copy of the Watchman

and Reflector, in her hand. She read to her husband one of Dr. Hague's letters from Constantinople. That letter contained some items of information that filled him with wonder. At a meeting of missionaries at Constantinople, Mr. Schaudler stated that a little book had been published in Germany, giving an account of Dr. Judson's life and labors, that it had fallen into the hands of some Jews, and had been the means of their conversion; that a Jew had translated it for a community of Jews on the borders of the Euxine, and that a messenger had arrived in Constantinople asking that a teacher might be sent to them.

When Dr. Judson heard this his eyes were filled with tears; a look of almost unearthly solemnity came over him; and clinging fast to his wife's hand, as if to assure himself of being really in the world, he said:

"Love, this frightens me. I do not know what to make of it." "To make of what?" said Mrs. Judson.

"Why, what you have just been reading. I never was deeply interested in any object, I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything, but it came; at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow, in some shape—probably the last I should have devised, it came!"

WHAT THEY LOST.

Near London there dwelt an old couple. In early life they had been poor; but the husband became a Christian, and God blessed their industry, and they were living in comfortable retirement, when one day a stranger called on them and asked their subscription to a charity. The old lady had less religion than her husband, and still hankered after the Sabbath earnings and easy shillings which Thomas had given up from regard to the law of God. So when the visitors asked for their contributions, she interposed and said: "Why, sir, we have lost a deal by religion since we first began, my husband knows that very well. Have we not, Thomas?" After a solemn pause, Thomas answered: "Yes, Mary, we have. Before I got religion, Mary, I had an old slouched hat, a tattered coat, and mended shoes and stockings; but I have lost them long ago. And you know that, poor as I was, I had a habit of getting drunk and quarreling with you; and that you know I have lost. And then, I had a hardened conscience and wicked heart, and ten thousand guilty fears; but all are lost—completely lost, and like a millstone cast into the sea. And Mary, you have been a loser, too. Before we got religion, Mary, you had a washing tray, and you had a gown and a bonnet much the worse for wear; but you have lost them long ago. And you had many an aching heart concerning me at times; but those you happily have lost. And I could even wish that you had lost as much as I have lost; for what we lose for religion will be an everlasting gain."—The Christian.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

THE DANDELION.

I know a little flower gay, That's very dear to spring, That blooms contented in the grass When first the robins sing. It's just as happy in the field As by the garden walk; And doesn't trouble its bright face If people want to talk. And say, it's nothing but a weed, And shouldn't be allowed To grow among the finer flowers That all the borders crowd. It meekly lifts its golden head From out the dull, brown sod, Beside the proud exotics grand, To own and praise its God. I wonder if the boys and girls Who read about this flower, And see it on the field and lawn In many a springtime hour, Will learn the lesson wise and good, That's written on its face: God means us all to do our best, In every time and place. And if He wills that you should grow Along a path obscure, Contented by the wayside be— God's loved ones may be poor. And though the proud may scorn you oft, Your mission still fulfill, By being good and noble, yet Submissive to His will. —Western Advocate.

DON'T BE MEAN, BOYS.

Sometimes I wonder what a mean man thinks about when he goes to bed. When he turns out the light and lies down alone he is then compelled to be honest with himself. Not a bright thought,

not a generous impulse, not a word of blessing, not a grateful look come back to him; not a penny dropped into the hand of poverty, nor the beam of a loving word dropped into an aching heart; no sunbeam of encouragement cast upon a struggling life; no strong right hand of fellowship reached out to help some fallen man to his feet—when none of these things come to him as the "God bless you" of the departed day, how he must hate himself—how he must try to roll away from himself and sleep on the other side of the bed—when the only victory he can think of is some mean victory, in which he has wronged a neighbor. No wonder he always sneers when he tries to smile.

How pure and good all the rest of the world must look to him, and how careless and dreary must his own path appear. Why, even one isolated act of meanness is enough to scatter cracker crumbs in the bed of an average man, and what must be the feelings of a man whose whole life is given up to mean acts? When there is so much suffering and heartache and misery in the world, anyhow, why should anyone add a pound of wickedness or sadness to the general public? Don't be mean, boys. Suffer injustice a thousand times rather than commit it once. —Burdette

PAPA'S BOOK.

There are many wonderful sayings of little children well worth recording as evidences that their minds may be early brought under the enlightening influences of the Holy Spirit, for in no other way can utterances so far beyond the grasp of their undeveloped intellects be accounted for.

Here is one of the brightest of these gems, which coming from a four year old Baltimore youngster, gives it additional interest for our readers, as we have good authority for saying that it was uttered just as we report it.

The little fellow has a brother two years his junior. A few mornings since he came running to his grandma who was seated in a separate room from where the little fellows were playing, and with his countenance showing that he was greatly disturbed and excited, he cried out, "Grandma! O grandma! brother has papa's book." "What book," asked grandma quietly, "Why Papa's Book." "Well, what book is it? "Why the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory."

He could not think of the name of the Book of books, but he knew it was the Book which should not be handled for amusement or in play, for it was in that Book that he was taught of God as "our Father in Heaven," to whom belongs the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory." Of course like Timothy little Rozzell has a mother and a grandmother by whom he is taught the Scriptures.—Baltimore Meth.

I'LL SAY MY PRAYERS.

Her name is neither Effa, Etta, nor Ella, but plain, honest Julia, and she lives in a town; not a large one, but a pleasant one in Berkshire. She is a bright child, and as a rule good, though sometimes this little Julia was a very naughty girl as I will tell you.

She was a naughty girl one day, and so her mother told her she must go out into the dining-room and stay there until she was a good girl. She went out crying very hard, but in a little while said she would be good, so her mother told her to come in, but she didn't look just right. There was no smile on her face, and very soon she had to be sent out again; and again she came in with the promise to be good, but her mother had to send her out for the third time. Now Julia, although she was only four years old, got very angry and made a great noise for a few minutes. Pretty soon the noise ceased, and her mother went close to the door and listened to see if she could hear anything. Sure enough, she heard her saying the little prayer she had been taught: "Dear Jesus, bless papa and mamma, and Julia and sister, and make me a good girl, for Christ sake, Amen."

Her mother opened the door very softly, and there she was on her knees; she got up with a very sweet smile and said, "I'm a good girl now, mamma. I was so naughty and felt so dreadful bad, I said to myself, I'll say my prayers and maybe Jesus will help me to be a good girl." And sure enough, she was just the best girl you ever saw. Now this is a true story, every word of it, and her whole name is Julia Allen Tucker.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

JULY 13.

THE ARK IN THE HOUSE.

2 SAMUEL 6: 1-12. David after having established himself at Jerusalem sought, after the manner of oriental monarchs, to strengthen his throne by numerous alliances with foreign nations by marriage, 2 Sam. 5: 13. He was attacked by his warlike neighbors, the Philistines, whom he however signally defeated, 2 Sam. 5: 17-25. Then his plan was to bring the ark to Jerusalem, and thus make that city the religious as well as the political centre of the nation.

NOTES.

Had, same as Badaah, the old name of Kirjath-jearim; see Josh. 15: 7; an ancient hill town, 9 or 10 miles from Jerusalem, where the ark had been for nearly 20 years, 1 Sam. 7: 1-2. *Abnathab*, probably a Levite, and inhabitant of Kirjath-jearim. He may have been dead, and the house still called by his name, as Eleazar his son was in charge of the ark, 1 Sam. 5: 1. *Gibbon*, the hill, or Gibeon, of Ammah, so here "the hill," i. e. of Kirjath-jearim. *Ushah and Ahio*. It is not known whether they were Levites. Nothing is known of them except in connection with the incident of our lesson. *Hoops*, much like our harps. The harp was amongst the earliest musical instruments invented; see Gen. 4: 21. *Pathways*, a kind of lyre with ten strings. *Tabret*, also called tambour, a kind of drum or tambourine. It was usually played by women, Ex. 15: 20; Ps. 65: 25. *Corsets*, probably some kind of instrument with bells, which gave a sound by being shaken. The word is different from the one usually translated cornet or trumpet; the latter was commonly made of a ram's horn or of metal. *Cymbals*, like our cymbals, round plates that are struck together. *Obed-edom*—second of *Ebon*, a Levite of the family of Merari, 1 Chron. 15: 21, a skilful performer on the harp. 1 Chron. 25: 4-8. He and his eight sons were also appointed to be royal porters, 1 Chron. 26: 4-8; and he was one specially appointed to minister before the ark on Zion, 1 Chron. 16: 4, 5. *Gittah*, the inhabitants of Gath, the royal city of the Philistines, were so called. *Obed-edom*, however, was probably from the Levitical city of Gath-rimmon in Manasseh, Josh. 21: 8, 25.

EXPLANATIONS.

Thirty thousand, perhaps delegates "chosen" from all the nation; see 1 Chron. 13: 1-5. The Greek version reads "seventy thousand." *Ark of God*, or ark of the covenant made by God's special direction, Ex. 25: 10-15. It was a box overlaid with gold, containing the two tables of stone given to Moses on Sinai, 1 Kings 8: 9, and perhaps earlier, also a pot of manna and Aaron's rod, Heb. 9: 4. Originally it was to be kept in the holy of holies of the tabernacle; now only in curtains or a sacred tent. It was regarded with sacred veneration as over its lid, the mercy seat, God was wont to manifest himself in visible form, Ex. 25: 22. *By the name*, literally "upon which is called the name, the name of Jehovah of hosts," etc. *Cherubim*, the golden figures of two-winged beings on the mercy-seat, Ex. 25: 18-20. The law required the ark to be carried on its staves by Levites, Ex. 25: 14. *House of Israel*, the people. *Placed*, the words means to dance to music. *On the woods*, literally, "with all his woods;" in 1 Chron. 13: 8 it is "with all their might." The Hebrew words are very similar. *Threshing-floor*, a level circular space where the earth had been beaten down hard; on this the grain is threshed, or trodden out by animals. *Put forth*, reached forth; it was specially forbidden to touch the ark, Num. 4: 15. *Smote it*, or were throwing it down. Some think that Uzzah was killed by lightning. *Disobedient*, grieved and vexed. *Mad as a hatter*, literally, "broke forth;" see Ex. 13: 22. *Presumptuous*, "breach of Uzzah." *Unto him*, shows that he was already living in the city of David or Zion. *Brought up*, with ceremonies appropriate to the occasion, see 1 Chron. 15; and not on a cart, but as the law required, 1 Chron. 15: 26. *With gladness*, refers to the festal music.

1. Seek the presence of the Lord; 2. No good work succeeds by unlawful means; 3. God wants implicit obedience; 4. Music is not to be neglected in our worship; 5. God's judgments are terrible; 6. The presence of the Lord confers blessings.—*Schools' Hand-book.*

HOT WATER REMEDIES.

There is no remedy of such general application, and none so easily attainable, as water, and yet nine persons out of ten will pass by it in an emergency to seek for something of far less efficiency. There are but few cases of illness where water should not occupy the highest place as a remedial agent. A strip of flannel or a napkin folded lengthwise, and dipped in hot water and then wrung out, and then applied around the neck of a child that has a cold will usually bring relief in ten minutes. A towel folded several times and dipped in hot water, and quickly wrung and applied over the seat of the pain in toothache or neuralgia, will generally afford prompt relief. This treatment in colic works almost like magic. I have seen cases that have resisted other treatment for hours yield to this in ten minutes.

There is nothing that will so promptly cut short a congestion of the lungs, sore throat or rheumatism, as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly. Pieces of cotton batting dipped in hot water and kept applied to old sores, or new cuts, bruises and sprains, is the treatment now generally adopted in hospitals. I have seen a sprained ankle cured in an hour by showering it with hot water, poured from a height of three feet. Tepid water acts promptly as an emetic, and hot water taken freely half an hour before bedtime is the best of cathartics in cases of constipation, while it has the most soothing effect on the stomach and bowels. This treatment continued for a few months, with proper attention to diet, will cure any curable case of dyspepsia. Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck.

FOR TREES OR PLANTS. Professor Hubbard gives the following way of mixing kerosene and soap for spraying trees or water-g plants infested by insects: Kerosene, two gallons; common soap or white oil soap, half gallon; water, one gallon. Heat the solution of soap, and add boiling hot to the kerosene. Churn the mixture by means of a force pump and spray nozzle for five or ten minutes. The emulsion, if perfect, forms a cream, which thickens on cooling, and should adhere without oiliness to the surface of glass. Dilute before using, one part of the emulsion with nine parts of cold water. The above formula gives three gallons of emulsion, and makes, when diluted, thirty gallons of wash. The percentage of kerosene may be increased somewhat without danger, and stronger washes may be needed for some kinds of insects.

USEFUL HINTS. A most effective remedy against pulmonary consumption, it is said, has been found in aluminium and its compounds. In digging out ferns put your hands close under the root or bulb and pull it gently but "bodily." Before transplanting put the roots in water. Ferns require shade and a cool soil. A very little cream of tartar in the frosting of a cake will hasten the hardening process. If the knife is often dipped into water while spreading the frosting, it will give a gloss or polish greatly to be desired. The currant worm eats the leaves of the bushes and ruins the crop. Try a dusting of air-sieved lime in the early morning when the dew is on. A sure remedy, but costing more, is white hellebore, powdered to be obtained at the drug stores, and applied at once, as above. When a nursery tree is taken up it is deprived of half or more of its roots. Take the top is left, because the nursery man knows that the inexperienced buyer will judge of the trees by the size of the top. It is important that each branch be cut back to diminish the demand upon the roots before the planting is done. Crude carbolic acid will disinfect drains. It is better largely diluted, for thus it reaches further. It is a poison. There is a carbolic soap prepared for killing insects on animals. We lost a valuable dog which got some of the soapsuds in his mouth. There is a finer carbolic soap used for toilet purposes. It is healing.—*New York Herald.*

Pink cream, which is very ornamental for dessert or for tea, is easily prepared, and well repays one's efforts. Take the juice of red raspberries or of strawberries or currants; sweeten to suit the taste; mix sweet cream until it is like froth, mix with the juice of the fruit. Serve in a glass dish. The proportion of cream to juice is a matter of taste; enough juice should be used to color and flavor the cream. A correspondent of a leading religious paper in this city asks: "Shall I feed candy to the dogs when there are children near by?" Yes, if you value your children's health, and if the dogs are very mean ones belonging to your neighbors, spare the children and give the animals all the candy they ask for, especially if it is the kind which is made of terra alba and colored with poisonous dyes.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Carefully conducted experiments have demonstrated the fact that seasoned wood, well saturated with oil when put together will not shrink in the driest weather. Wheels have been known to run many years, even to wearing out the tires. Very many dollars might be saved annually if this practice were adopted. Boiled linseed oil is the best for general use, although it is now known that crude petroleum, on even old wheels, is of great benefit. If cistern water has acquired a foul odor, says Dr. Kezlie, in the *N. Y. Tribune*, it may be disodorized by some oxidizing agent such as chlorate of soda or Labarraque's chlorinated soda. This can be found at any good drugstore, put up in quart bottles for use. To get the best results, the material should be poured into the bottom of the cistern, using for this purpose a gaspipe reaching to the bottom. Two bottles, costing about twenty-five cents each, will clean an ordinary cistern.

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THE WESLEYAN FRIDAY, JULY 4, 1884.

As a result of the union, the Canada Christian Advocate ceased to visit our table with the number for June 18. It began in 1844, as a private enterprise in Colburn, but was soon afterward adopted by the General Conference of the Canadian Methodist Episcopal Church as its official organ.

Young ministers just putting on the harness, and even brethren of more advanced age, will do well in beginning a year of Gospel ministry to bear in mind Dr. Joseph Parker's remark that "the wisest people will never be reached by regularities and refinements in theology. The tender heart will make more way amongst them than the self-conscious intellect."

An expected continuation from the Rev. J. C. Chapman, has failed to reach its destination during the week, from the fact that the daily excursion tickets were not valid for all stations to the westward of Chicago, and on July 1st, the train was delayed at the first class for a day, and on the same day or the day following, the opportunity will be afforded by many Christian workers.

The Rev. J. C. Chapman, in forwarding a copy of the paper, to the Rev. Edward T. Moore, of the Rev. J. C. Chapman, formerly published at New York City, in the interest of the Wesleyan Christian Church, the paper is crowded with interesting notices, but hereafter, we shall have a more varied variety. Though published in Nova Scotia, the Wesleyan is managed in the interests of the several Conferences. We shall be glad to give our new friends a permanent place on our mailing lists, and to bear to them long after the present year shall have expired, the news of the churches.

Lord S. Disraeli, the leader of the English Opposition, a determined opponent of Methodism, recently patted on the back a prominent English Methodist who was a Tory candidate for a seat in the House of Commons spoke some strong words in behalf of the union of Church and State. In view, however, of the warm words uttered by the nobleman on the occasion, a Wesleyan minister writes to the London Daily News, that he had applied to the Bishop to set a site for a Wesleyan chapel at Hatfield, but had met with a most decided refusal.

One arrives with reluctance at the conclusion that the spirit of Romanism is not less bitter than in former centuries. The Carbonari riots have afforded a sad illustration of this fact. Another is found in the recent cruel attack upon French Protestants in their little church in Quebec. Unfortunately the wrong cannot be put on the shoulders of the more ignorant classes. The large sum raised in Montreal to assist in the defence of the leaders in the Newfoundland riots, and the approval of the attack on Father Chiniquy by the French Canadian press at Quebec, tell quite another story.

We have to acknowledge the promptness of the Revs. D. D. Moore, A. M.; D. W. Johnson, A. B.; C. Williams, and W. H. Butt, in forwarding reports of the several Conferences with which they are connected. The daily papers of St. John and this city have devoted a large share of their space to similar reports, for which the Conferences have in justice thanked them. The able reports furnished the Chronicle of this city by the Rev. E. B. Moore received frequent commendation. In speaking of the late General Conference at Baltimore, a New York paper says "the latest rival of the Congressional Record in voluminousness is the official report of the Methodist Conference. The brethren did business at the rate of 18,000 words a day for twenty-five days."

The International Sunday-school Convention at Louisville, Ky., has proved a most interesting gathering. Its most important duty was that of selecting the International Lesson Committee. Special prayer has been offered in view of this. "It is felt," says

a writer in the Western Christian Advocate, "that the committee controls to a large extent the systematic Bible study of the entire world. The Scriptural passages selected by it for use in Sunday schools are translated into no less than twenty-six different languages, and are used, wholly or in part, in the Sunday-school work of the United States, South America, Canada, Great Britain and her colonies, Germany, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Syria, Turkey, India, China, Japan, Persia and Africa. Possibly, indeed, the list is not complete, for so rapidly are the lessons being adopted in foreign lands, and so well-nigh universal is their sway, that it is difficult to tell at any given time just where they are used and where not."

Some recent statements about the finances of the Wesleyan have called forth remarks from several of our contemporaries. The Recorder of this city says:

There was some talk about its not paying expenses. This is not surprising—as a rule, religious and temperance organizations very poorly support journals published in their interest. The Wesleyan has for many years been a most excellent journal, free from the political bias that has destroyed the usefulness of other organs of the kind, and published in the interest of the body it speaks for and not of individuals making the denomination to which they are attached merely tributary. If anybody could give the Wesleyan a fair chance to do what it could for itself, it would be the present manager—Rev. S. P. Huestis, who has combined with more than ordinary practical business ability good tact for newspaper conducting, which with the editorship of the Rev. T. W. Smith has made the journal in question a welcome home visitor.

On the same subject the Montreal Gazette remarks, after a reference to cost of publication:

The margin between this and the receipts is not, it seems sufficient to offset the bad debts. Subscribers to papers whose circulation is confined chiefly in one county and therefore must be much less than that of the religious papers whose field embraces several provinces, sometimes grumble at a subscription price of \$1.50, whereas the fact is that no weekly except one which is published from a daily, can be published at less than the Wesleyan's price—\$2.

A joint discussion of "The Future of the Negro," in the North American Review for July, will attract as much attention as any other paper in the Magazine. Prof. Gardiner shows that in the seven Atlantic and Gulf States, between Virginia and Texas, the negro population is rapidly outstripping the white population in numbers, and that a process of amalgamation has already begun—process which, he thinks, bodes ill for both races. The general testimony of the contributors to the discussion contradicts the statement of Professor Gardiner as to the tendency toward amalgamation. The remarks of Mr. Emerson, an educated and highly intelligent colored man, are sensible and clear:

The negro may migrate, but he will not emigrate. He has been here more than two hundred and fifty years, and quite as much as any other class he is imbued with our religion and with our ideas, while he is largely interwoven with our material interests and prosperity. Every attempt at his deportation to the tropics or elsewhere, or his segregation on this continent, is signally failed. Every fact in his history, every known trait in his character, indicate that he will remain where he is. But while remaining here, he will also continue a distinct race. Negroes have a settled antipathy to inter-marriages with whites. The whites are so saturated with prejudice and the idea of the negro's inferiority, and so oblivious to the fact that he is now free, with no limit to his pursuit and enjoyment of life, liberty and happiness, that everything is done by them to discourage, restrict and prevent such marriages.

One or two letters have been sent us without the writer's name. It is not necessary that the name should be published, but it should be known by the editor. In the absence of the name, communications cannot be put in print.

The annual picnic of Kaye Street Methodist congregation and Sunday school is to be held at Truro this year on the 17th inst. The Brunswick St. picnic will be held at the Prince's Lodge, Bedford, on the 10th inst.

If each subscriber will interest himself, the list of subscribers to the Wesleyan can easily be doubled.

THE CHILDREN'S FUND.

The longest debate in the Nova Scotia Conference was upon the Children's Fund. At its commencement no one could have dreamed that action so revolutionary would come out of the discussion. The resolution of the Rev. Thos. Rogers, A. M., which aimed at a virtual abolition of the fund, secured at once a support which it never lost. A modification for the present year of its proposals, in favor of supernumerary ministers and a few others, was prompted in great measure by a feeling of sympathy on the part of some; and on the part of others by a wish for time to take action to meet the consequent need by some means thoroughly constitutional. To a great number of ministers the change will be a relief; to others it will involve a considerable decrease in income. Not a few hold the fund to be a relic of the day when the minister's income was guided by certain specified allowances which are now read in old circuit records with some little amusement. These claim that that day having gone, and with it the old equalization of salaries, there is no reason why a fragment of the system—though a most important fragment—should be preserved. How the pressing cases which have been helped by the old Children's Fund shall in future be met is the question which a certain committee has through the year to deal with.

The same subject called forth an interesting discussion in the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, though there no one went so far as to propose a virtual abolition of the Fund by reducing the allowance to the sum of five dollars per child in all cases where the minister's salary is below eight hundred dollars, and by withholding it altogether where the sum given for support should exceed that amount. On motion of Mr. Irvine, in view of the fact that many of the lay delegates needed more light, a large and intelligent committee, comprising an equal number of ministers and laymen, was appointed to consider the subject and report previous to the Conference of 1885. In both Conferences, therefore, it is probable that it will be a burning question next session. Its consideration will be all the more important, because the action of the two Maritime Conferences cannot fail to have some weight with the General Conference, which in 1883 showed a strong disposition to simplify our financial administration by the abolition of the Children's Fund.

In all branches of British Wesleyan Methodism the fund has been steadily maintained. Its management has cost a good deal of trouble, but no other Conference has yet moved towards its destruction. This fact, of course, affords no reason for its continuance, but it proves that no small degree of wisdom will be needed on the part of those who may have to devise some adequate substitute for the relief this fund has given in so many cases. On other aspects of the subject there is not space now to write.

PERSONAL.

The Book Steward, Rev. S. F. Huestis, sailed for St. John's, on Monday, to visit the Newfoundland Conference.

The death took place last week of Mr. Robert Bowser, an old and respected inhabitant of Sackville, N. B. Mr. Bowser died quite suddenly, though for some years he has been a sufferer from ill health.

On the eve of the Rev. Job Shenton's departure for England, his many friends connected with the Queen Square, St. John, congregation presented him with \$120. Mr. Shenton sailed per Hanoverian on Monday.

Through the closing of the Conference on Friday morning, few of the ministers were able to accept Mrs. Kichey's invitation to Government House on Saturday evening. A large number of guests spent a pleasant hour or two there.

In our list of Supernumeraries of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, we omitted the name of Rev. H. Daniel. It should have appeared first, as that of the senior supernumerary. We hasten to make this intimation. Mr. Daniel is yet able to take an active part in pulpit and Conference work.

On Conference Sunday, June 20th, a new Methodist church at Rothessay, erected during the residence of the Rev. D. D. Moore, A. M., in the Hampton circuit, was dedicated by the Rev. J. Read, President. Sermons were preached by the Revs. W. R. Dobson and W. W. Brewer. The Rev. Dr. Sprague, D. D. Currie and C. W. Dutcher also assisted at the services.

N. B. AND P. E. I. CONFERENCE.

SATURDAY. The Conference opened in due form. The Rev. L. S. Johnson read the minutes of the Contingent Fund Committee meeting. They reported the gross receipts of the past year as \$207.38 less \$12.45 expenses—and they recommended bills and grants for special cases of affliction to be paid, making a total of \$254.93. The report was received.

The Secretary read a telegram from the Toronto Conference containing fraternal and Christian greetings to the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Island Conference: 2 Peter i. 1-3. The Secretary by order of Conference sent the following in reply—2 Thess. i. 11. Rev. A. C. Bell asked for leave of absence for one year to enable him to attend the Boston University. His request was granted. Rev. Thomas Pierce, who had finished his probation, was examined in the doctrines of our Church. His examination was conducted by Rev. H. Daniel, and was in every way satisfactory. He was unanimously recommended to be ordained and received into full connection. Rev. W. R. Pepper was allowed to rest for one year on account of ill health.

MONDAY. Conference opened as usual. A telegram was received from the Nova Scotia Conference, asking for surplus probations. The Secretary was ordered to reply that we had none to spare.

Some changes having occurred in regard to the Contingent Fund Committee, H. Daniel and D. Kennedy were appointed to fill the vacancies, and Dr. Pickard stated that the Memorial Committee had met and found that for a single case was before them. As the minister from St. Andrew's was not present at that session, the committee adjourned, taking any action. As the matter must necessarily come before the Conference, it was resolved that the St. Andrew's parsonage matter be discussed in open Conference. As Bro. R. Crisp had not the necessary papers in his possession, the matter was allowed to stand over till Tuesday morning.

The Rev. Dr. Pickard read a financial statement of the Supernumerary Fund of the Eastern section of the Methodist Church up to July 1883. The receipts were \$9,382.66. The expenditure embraced annuities paid to the amount of \$9,354.73. The amount of capital stock, July 1883, was \$81,242.40. This was invested as follows: In landed securities, etc., \$43,313.70; Provincial and Municipal bonds, \$25,285.33; Bank of New Brunswick stock, \$9,227.28; Central Fire Ins. stock, \$151.82; notes of bank, \$3,428.78; loan to Methodist Book Room, \$1,000; to Mt. Allison Academy \$1,500; in treasurer's hands \$45.49. Dr. Pickard moved that the interpretation of the rule with respect to second marriages be considered as retrospective as well as prospective. Adopted.

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President, the Rev. S. T. Teed, delivered a practical and fervent charge, directing his remarks from the words, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." Both the members of the Conference and the people were deeply impressed with the charge. The service closed with the benediction.

TUESDAY. The thanks of the Conference were tendered to the officers of last year; to Bro. Dobson and the ministers of St. John for their kindness in providing for its entertainment, requesting them to express to their lay friends their gratitude; to the excellent choir of the Centenary church; and to Rev. S. T. Teed, for his ordination charge, requesting him to forward it for publication in the Wesleyan.

Rev. H. P. Cornforthwaite, A. M., read the report of the Supernumerary Committee. From this it appeared that the current income of the Fund had sufficed to pay only 30 per cent of the claims of the Supernumerary Ministers and Ministers' Widows for the year above named, owing to the fact that the contributions from the circuits had fallen considerably short of the very moderate average sum of ten cents per member estimated and required to assure the continued prosperity of the fund. An examination of the district minutes for the year now ending shows that the aggregate amount from the circuits in this Conference is \$49,750, being an increase of \$42,750 on the amount of the previous year, but giving an average per member of only 802 cents instead of the 10 cents required as the minimum average. Only one of the smaller districts, the Miramichi, reached the required average, the contributions from its circuits giving an average of nearly 1000 cents; the average from the St. John district is 971; from the Fredericton, \$381; from the St. Stephen, 798; from the P. E. Island, 656; and from the Sackville, 639. Twenty-one of the circuits have not as yet sent in their returns for the year ending July 1st, but of these seventeen less than three and five less than two. The committee acted with pleasure at a gratifying increase in the amount given by the Centenary church and by Richibucto, Moncton, Miramichi and Crowell circuits, and also of a small increase from other circuits.

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In the evening the Conference Temperance meeting was held in the Centenary church, J. R. Woodburn, Esq. of St. John, presiding. The choir of the church again kindly lent its services. Rev. Mr. Duke offered the opening prayer. Practical and eloquent addresses were delivered by Revs. G. M. Campbell, G. Steel, S. H. Rice, J. C. Berrie, and R. Wilson. A large audience was present.

THE UNITED CONFERENCE.

In the Centenary church on Wednesday morning, after devotional exercises, the roll was called, and 124 members of the Conference, lay and ministerial were present. The Rev. J. H. Read was appointed chairman, pro tem. While the scrutineers retired to count the votes, speeches were given by Messrs. Donald, Rice, Narraway, Currie, and Dr. Sprague. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present.

The Rev. John Read was elected President by 94 out of 124 ballots. He said: My heart is touched by this exhibition of your love and kindness. I was told some years ago, upon being transferred to this Conference, that a transferred man was a "speckled bird." I have lived to see the untruth of that. I thank you, Rev. Wilson, for your election. Rev. R. Wilson was elected Secretary.

After some discussion as to the legality of a formal session at the new disposition, the Rev. S. H. Rice, formerly of the B. C. Church, was elected to that office. Rev. G. W. Fisher and H. J. Fleming, Esq., were appointed assistants to the Secretary, and the Rev. B. Chappell, A. M., to the Journal Secretary. Rev. D. D. Moore, A. M., was elected Reporter to the Wesleyan, and Rev. A. D. McCully, A. M., to the Chronicle. A majority in favor of the Missionary Conference from the Rev. S. E. Dawson, Esq. of Tryon, P. E. I., was read by the Rev. S. T. Teed, A. B. A letter was read from Dr. Seward, of Sackville, containing greetings to the new Conference. The letter writers were directed to reply. A letter was also read from W. G. Strong, Esq. of Summerside, containing congratulations.

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Most of the afternoon was occupied with reports of committees. The matter of the Mission House at St. Andrew's was again brought up by a letter from the trustees of that church. A resolution was adopted that the Conference prayer meeting be held in connexion with the opening of Conference, instead of from twelve to one as formerly. The Nominating Committee presented its report. At 8 p. m., the Conference met again, when the Nominating Committee reported several additional committees.

Allan P. Taylor was allowed to attend the Theological Institution next year from the St. Stephen District; also G. F. Dawson, of the Miramichi District.

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On Thursday morning, on motion of Dr. Pickard, the President was authorized to procure a duplicate seal and affix the same to deeds, etc. The President read the rules of order, as adopted by the General Conference and requested the Conference to observe them. Reports of committees were next received. The Educational Committee recommended loans to G. F. Dawson and A. P. Taylor of \$60 each. The Special Committee on the will of S. G. Dawson, Tryon, advised that the will be referred to a legal gentleman if the report be favorable, the opinion be submitted to a special committee consisting of Revs. S. T. Teed, and J. Burwash, and Mr. W. E. Dawson, to carry it out. Adopted.

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The Secretary, the Rev. R. Wilson, then read the minutes, the journal was signed, the benediction pronounced, and the President declared the 1st Annual Conference, N. B. and P. E. I., adjourned. The Conference throughout was most harmonious. New members immediately felt themselves to be perfectly at home; and the President, supported both by his own eminent ability and the full sympathy of his brethren, conducted all the proceedings with the greatest grace and wisdom.

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NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE. 1. Halifax District. 1. Halifax Centre (Brunswick St.—B. C. Borden, A. B., Chaplain to the Wesleyans in the Navy. Sup'numery—Edmund Batters, who has permission to reside in Montreal; R. A. Temple. 2. Halifax South (Grafton St.)—R. Brown, J. L. Bettey. 3. Halifax West (Charles St.)—F. H. W. Pickles, L. Daniel. 4. Halifax North (Kaye St.)—J. J. Tassell, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Army. Book Room—S. F. Huestis, Book Steward. WESLEYAN OFFICE—T. W. Smith, Editor. 5. Dartmouth—J. L. Spangley, Sup'numery. 6. Lunenburg—To be supplied, under superintendence of J. L. Spangley. 7. Windsor—J. Latham, A. B., Sup'numery—J. McMurray, E. W. Roland, Moncton, A. W. Newson. 8. Chester Road—To be supplied. 9. Hantsport—Wm. Amey. 10. Horton—W. C. B. Owen, one to be sent; Sup'numery—G. Johnson, (A. J. B. Hemmeon. 11. Kentville—W. H. Lavigne. 12. Newport—A. S. Tuttle. 13. Avondale—E. B. Moore. 14. Barling—T. D. Hart. 15. Walton—Thos. A. Wilson. 16. Sambro—To be supplied, under superintendence of R. C. Borden, A. M. 17. Hamilton, Bermuda—J. S. Coffin, Chaplain to the Wesleyans in the Army. 18. Sandys—J. B. Butttrick, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Navy. 19. St. George's and B. Bay—J. B. Giles, Chaplain to Wesleyans in the Army; F. Friguis. District Superintendent—Dr. Lathern. Financial Secretary—F. H. W. Pickles.

2. Truro District. 20. Truro—R. A. Daniel. 21. Onslow—J. H. Davis; Sup'numery—R. O. B. Johnson. 22. Acadian Mines—John A. Mosher. 23. Pictou—Thos. Rogers, A. M. 24. Stellarton—Joseph Hale. 25. River John—F. A. Buckley, A. B. 26. Maitland—Paul Prestwood. 27. Shubenacadie—W. A. Nightingale; Sup'numery—G. F. Day. 28. Middle Musquodoboit—H. P. Doane. 29. Musquodoboit Harbor—R. B. Mack. 30. Sheet Harbor—Alban Daniel. District Superintendent—T. Rogers. Financial Secretary—Joseph Hale.

3. Cumberland District. 31. Amherst—Joseph Gaetz. 32. Warren—John Gee. 33. Nappan and Minnie—R. McArthur, Thos. Wooten. 34. Wallace—James Tweedy. 35. Pugwash—A. D. Morton, A. M. Sup'numery—G. W. Tuttle. 36. River Philip—John Craig. 37. Oxford—J. Cassidy; Sup'numery—A. F. Weldon. 38. Wentworth—G. W. Whitman. 39. Parrsboro—David Hickey. 40. Five Islands—To be supplied. 41. Southampton—Benj. Hills, A. M. 42. Spring Hill Mines—E. E. England. 43. Advocate Harbor—J. W. Howie. District Superintendent—J. Cassidy, A. M. Financial Secretary—A. D. Morton.

4. Guysboro and Cape Breton District. 44. Guysboro—W. Purvis; Sup'numery—J. Buckley. 45. Mansuet—John Asbury. 46. Manchester—Wm. Alcorn. 47. Sydney—W. H. Evans. 48. North Sydney—F. H. Wright, A. M. 49. Gabarus—G. F. Glendinning. 50. Port Hawkesbury—C. W. Swallow, A. B. 51. Port Hood—R. S. Stevens. 52. Margate—To be supplied. 53. Ingonish—W. J. Crofts. District Superintendent—W. H. Evans. Financial Secretary—F. H. Wright, A. M.

5. St. Stephen District. St. Stephen—R. Duncan. Milton—L. S. Johnson. St. Andrews—J. A. Clark, A. M. St. David's—C. H. Manaton. St. James—W. B. Thomas. Hocabeac—T. Pierce. Deer Island—Wm. Lawson. Grand Manan—J. F. Estey. Student at Sackville—A. B. Taylor. District Superintendent—R. Duncan. Fin. Secretary—L. S. Johnson.

6. Annapolis District. 54. Annapolis—S. B. Dunn. 55. Granville Ferry—Joseph M. Fisher. 56. Bridgetown—Cranwick Jost, A. M.; Sup'numery—J. F. Bent, J. R. Haft. 57. Mountain Mission—One wanted. 58. Middleton—G. F. Johnson, Wm. Phillips. 59. Aylesford—Wm. Ryan; Sup'numery—James Taylor. 60. Berwick—John Johnson. 61. Canning—W. G. Laney; Sup'numery—J. G. Honnigar. 62. Hillsburg—D. W. Johnson, A. B. 63. Digby—W. H. Heartz. 64. Weymouth—Wm. Shears. 65. Digby Neck—Thos. C. Hooper, under the superintendence of Mr. Heartz. District Superintendent, C. Jost. Financial Secretary—D. W. Johnson.

7. Liverpool District. 66. Liverpool—J. S. G. Angwin; Sup'numery—C. Lockhart. 67. Caledonia—J. W. Shepherdson. 68. Port Mouton—D. B. Scott. 69. Mill Village—Arthur Hockin. 70. Pointe River—Chas. M. Tyler. 71. Lunenburg—Wm. Brown. 72. Ashcroft Bay—To be supplied, under Wm. Brown. 73. Rivesy's Cove—O. Huestis. 74. New Germany—James Sharp. 75. Badgewater—J. R. Borden. District Superintendent—G. O. Huestis. Financial Secretary—J. R. Borden. 8. Yarmouth District. 76. Yarmouth South—Jas. Strothard. 77. Yarmouth North—Jas. A. Rogers, President of the Conference. 78. Avonlea—J. H. Robinson. 79. Horton—W. A. Overhead. 80. Barrington—J. M. Melish. 81. Barrington—Jas. G. South. 82. Port Lettice—R. Williams. 83. N. E. Harbor—J. E. Doukin. 84. St. John—J. G. Bigney. 85. Leakeport—Jno. L. Dawson, A. B. District Superintendent—J. A. Rogers. Financial Secretary—J. Strothard. Robert Wasson, Sup'numery, has permission to reside in the United States. For the WESLEYAN. G. F. M. S.

A meeting of the N. S. Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held during the recent session of Conference, M. G. H. Stier, President, in the chair. Mrs. E. B. Smith, of Windsor, offered prayer. The President, whose presence was a cause for thankfulness as recent illness had rendered it uncertain, read the Scripture lessons and made some appropriate introductory remarks, followed by the report of the Recording Secretary. It appeared that this was the first meeting held by the Branch, it having been organized but a short time previous. Mrs. J. Wesley Smith next tendered an address of welcome to the friends and delegates who had come from a distance to take part in these inaugural services. After having extended a cordial greeting, she spoke of the union which had arisen among us, binding our auxiliaries together, in aims and purposes. She mentioned three things necessary to the fulfillment of their mission—work, faith and money. Miss Cunningham, Cor. Sec'y. of the Guysboro' auxiliary, replied, acknowledging the kindly reception in fitting terms; she also gave an account of the formation and subsequent prosperity of the Guysboro' Auxiliary. The ladies listened with deep interest, realizing how the Lord blesses when His people make an effort. Miss C. also mentioned their hope of forming a young ladies mission band at no distant period, and referred to the support rendered by their pastor, Rev. Mr. Purvis. Mrs. E. B. Smith, Cor. Sec'y. of the Windsor auxiliary, next gave a report, conveying information of work already accomplished, that cannot fail of bringing blessings on those engaged in it. In this they have the kindly co-operation of Dr. Lathern. Mrs. Dr. Burns, President of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, addressed the meeting. She referred to the remarks made by some present, at a similar gathering of their own societies not long since. She desired that the success which has crowned their efforts may be granted to the earnest workers with whom she was met. She was assured that love to God must have its fruit in love to man. Such yearning love for those who sit in spiritual darkness must become manifest in practical results. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Morton, Pres. Windsor auxiliary, and the benediction. Com.

It has been well said of him, "no writer has made such brilliant remarks and no ten has made so many." Nor is his wit of a sort that can do nothing but destroy. Some of the ablest thinkers of the century have been eager to confess their debt to him. S. F. Huestis, Price 25 cents.

GLEANINGS, Etc.

The National Division of the Sons of Temperance will meet in the fortieth annual session in this city, on Wednesday

MANITOBA CONFERENCE OF METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

On Wednesday morning, June 11th, the Conference was formally opened in the Methodist church, Brandon.

In the absence through illness of the Rev. Dr. Young, the Conference was opened by the Rev. Jno. Semmens, of Emerson. The Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., L. L. B., of Grace Church, Winnipeg, was elected President, and Rev. James Woodsworth, of Portage la Prairie, Secretary. Rev. G. K. Adams, of Souris City, was appointed Journal Secretary. Rev. C. Williams, of Birtle, was appointed reporter for the Halifax Wesleyan. The Conference prayer meeting was held from 11 to 12.

The Conference re-assembled at 2 p.m. In answer to the usual question, Clement Williams and Wm. H. Spence were duly recommended to be received into full connexion and ordained. Several probationers were continued on trial, and three candidates were received on trial. Among them was one from the Saskatchewan District, Egerton R. Steinhauer.

The committee on church relations presented their report, recommending the retirement of Rev. C. Laidner for one year on account of ill health, regretting at the same time that so valuable a minister felt compelled through the breaking down of his health to retire for a season from the active work of the ministry. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

It was moved that Rev. James Turner, being compelled through ill-health to retire for a time from the ministry, be left without station during the ensuing conference year. This resolution was carried. A record was read from the Saskatchewan District referring to the successful labors of Mr. Turner at Calgary, during the past year.

Coleman Bristol, M. A., has left the Conference in order to labor in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States. The evening was devoted to the reception into full connexion of W. H. Spence and Clement Williams.

The President called upon the candidates to relate their religious experience and call to the ministry. In doing so he dwelt upon the importance of testimony as to personal religion, showing union with God by faith. He maintained that man could not develop out of a bad moral character into a good one. A power mightier than his own was needed to lift him to a higher position.

Rev. Wm. Halstead, after the young men had spoken, moved that they be received into full connexion and ordained. Rev. J. F. Betts seconded the resolution. In a very appropriate speech he pointed out the characteristics of a good and faithful ministry. The Rev. W. J. Hewitt supported the motion in an excellent speech.

The President then put the resolution which was unanimously carried, after which he extended the right hand of fellowship to the young men and addressed them briefly, pointing out some of the peculiar temptations to which they would be exposed. He exhorted them to be humble; not to think too much of dignity, but to do anything on earth not morally wrong rather than fail in their work. He urged them to be more than preachers, and to maintain their piety.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

On Thursday, June 12th, the Conference met at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. E. A. Stafford was called to the chair. After devotional exercises the Chairman called the roll, and 49 ministers and 22 laymen answered to their names. This list however was afterwards largely increased by the arrival of brethren from distant fields. The ballot for President resulted in the election of Mr. Stafford, who received 61 votes. The Rev. T. Argue was elected Secretary. In response to a call for "a speech," Mr. Argue, said that, as one coming from the M.E. branch of the Church, he rejoiced at being present and thanked the Conference for the honor conferred upon him. The President said that he did not feel that the presidency of the Manitoba Conference was a less honorable position than that of any other Conference in the Dominion. In some respects it was a more important position because of the peculiar circumstances surrounding it.

The unusual influence that must exert upon the future of so young a country. They welcomed the laity and thought that their increased responsibility would result in arousing in them, and in the Church at large, a greater interest in the work.

The Hon. J. W. Sifton welcomed the Conference to Brandon in a telling and appropriate speech. He had fought for Union in the General Conference. He rejoiced that a wave of union feeling had arisen and parted, one half rolling eastward to the Atlantic, and the other half rolling westward to the Pacific coast. In Manitoba we had a frontier civilization such as had never before been seen under similar circumstances. In opening up the Western States lawlessness and crime were conspicuous, but in this western country few crimes had taken place. And why? Because the missionary was here early in its history. Brandon was a small city but its people had large hearts, and they meant to make the city large also.

On motion of Rev. Messrs. Harrison and Betts, fraternal greetings were sent by telegram to the London, Niagara, Toronto, New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Conferences now in session.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hewitt, it was resolved that the business of the Methodist Church of Canada which naturally comes within this United Conference, be recorded in the Journals of the Methodist Church of Canada, and that the same minutes be included in the minutes of the Methodist Church.

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On motion, it was unanimously resolved, that we, the members of the first Manitoba Conference of the Methodist Church, desire to recognize the debt of obligation we owe to Hon. J. W. Sifton, and to recognize his faith and persevering efforts to bring about the union of the Methodist churches, and especially for his most efficient services and untiring diligence in pressing the question of a Conference in Manitoba, which through his advocacy was brought to a successful issue. The resolution was supported by Rev. Messrs. Betts, Laidner and Dyer.

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In the evening the Missionary Meeting was held, Rev. J. H. Ruitan occupied the chair, and the choir rendered effective service. Several most effective speeches were given. The chief feature of interest however was the speech of an Indian brother, the Rev. H. B. Steinhauer. This speech we hope to be able to give our readers in full.

FRIDAY.

In the evening the Educational meeting was held. The Rev. Thos. Lawson occupied the chair. Able addresses were delivered by the Revs. B. Franklin, B. A., W. L. Rutledge, and John McLean, all of whom argued strongly the establishment of a Methodist college for the North-West. The last speaker said that the Indian work had suffered because men who know not the language had been sent into the field. In six months under proper tuition men could learn more of the language than he could in three years in the field. He thought we wanted an Educational institution in the N. W.

SATURDAY.

The President took the chair at nine o'clock. Prayer was offered, Rev. J. Peters and Mr. Jas. Clerihue leading.

Rev. Mr. Bell submitted from the committee on Temperance a second report. The committee desired to record its strong conviction of the excellence of the Northwest Territories Act, and of the advantages accruing to the people wherever it had been only partially enforced, and that even where it had been partially enforced, the benefits had been incalculable. It was, however, a matter of very great regret that the permit system had been very greatly abused. The committee recommended that the Conference appoint a committee to wait on Lieutenant Governor Dewdney and lay before him the facts of the case, at the same time praying him to enforce the Act in its spirit in his jurisdiction; also that, in case the abuse continued, the Conference Central Committee be instructed to prepare an address to the Governor-General-in-Council setting forth the facts and praying that steps be taken to secure the enforcement of the Act.

After some miscellaneous business the Conference accepted an invitation, through Mr. Monkman, to meet next year in Zion Church, Winnipeg.

Mr. Jas. Woodsworth was elected by ballot, as a representative to the Transfer Committee, and Rev. E. A. Stafford as the representative to the General Board of Missions.

In the afternoon, a report was presented to the Nominating committee, which was adopted, appointing as the central committee on temperance, Revs. Bell, Betts, Lawson and Argue, and Messrs. Sifton, Aitken, Fieldhouse, Harley, and J. Graham.

The annual meeting of the Theological Union was held in the evening. The election of officers for the year was held, resulting in the election of Rev. James Woodsworth as President; Rev. W. Bell, Secretary-Treasurer; Rev. J. F. Betts, Preacher; Rev. B. Franklin, Lecturer; committee to draft constitution, Revs. J. McLean, B. Franklin and A. Stewart.

Revs. Jas. Woodsworth, the newly elected president of the Union, having taken the chair, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. Betts. The Rev. E. A. Stafford, B. A., L. L. B., then delivered a most interesting lecture on Evolution. On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered by the lecturer. It was resolved by the members of the Union to make arrangements for the publication, in pamphlet form, of the lecture, and the sermon of Tuesday evening.

SUNDAY.

The Conference love-feast began shortly after nine o'clock. It was conducted by Rev. Jas. Woodworth.

The speaking was full of interesting reminiscences; deep gratitude was expressed for what had been accomplished, and very cheerful and hopeful words were expressed in reference to the future.

A very large con-regation gathered at 11 a.m. to attend the ordination of the candidates for the ministry—W. H. Spence and Clement Williams. Rev. J. F. Betts conducted the preliminary services, and Rev. E. A. Stafford preached a masterly sermon, holding the apt attention of the congregation for more than an hour. His text was 2 Cor. 5:20.

In the afternoon a very interesting Sunday school meeting was addressed by several members of the Conference.

In the evening, notwithstanding a heavy rain for an hour or two before the time of service, a good congregation was present, including twenty or thirty Sioux Indians. A large number had been holding a pow-wow on the streets the night before, receiving permission from the Mayor, in view of their want of food, they had gone through the city. Hitting from time to time, the men and boys squatted down in a circle around a drum, which they pounded while they kept up a monotonous kind of singing. Some of the party would at intervals jump up and dance a sort of bear dance, the music being added to by the jingling of strings of bells which a few privileged ones wore around them. Their faces were picturesquely painted, and there was a profusion of feathers, jewelry necklaces, etc. The Union Jack floated from a couple of flag poles, indicating their loyalty. The Indian missionaries from the far west and from the north were unable to explain the performance, the custom being unlike those with which they are familiar. Some of them could speak English, though not very fluently; and Rev. Mr. Steinhauer was able to talk to a few in Ojibway.

The exhibition was viewed with interest by probably a larger number of preachers than we ever before in a position to attend a similar dance. To reciprocate the favor, the black-coats invited the feathered, painted and otherwise ornamented natives, with their wives and children, to "go to" the church and have a "big talk" with the preachers. The chief answered through an interpreter that as they knew the black coats had hearts they would come. Punctually, according to their engagement, and in spite of the torrents of rain, the considerable detachment mentioned, with the chief at their head, arrived at church. Rev. John McLean talked to them through such interpreters as could be obtained, for about twenty minutes before the evening service. Some hymns were also sung for their benefit; and last, but not doubtless not least in their estimation, a collection was taken up and given to them. They remained through out the public service which followed.

Rev. Thomas Argue preached a profitable sermon, and afterwards the Conference Sacramental service was held, a large number of ministers, lay delegates, and members of the church at Brandon, participating. Many expressions of delight were heard respecting the various services of the day.

MONDAY, 16TH.

The Conference met at 9 a. m. A lively debate on the establishment of a Theological school at Winnipeg took place. It resulted in the appointment of a committee to draw up a scheme for the establishment of such an institution. The committee presented the following scheme:—Let such school be located at Winnipeg. For class rooms use those of the Zion church. They can be secured and may be made suitable by appointing Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., L. L. B., Principal, who shall supervise its work, and may be able to give a few hours a week to teaching. Associate with him a minister whose pastoral duties are light and Sabbath work not exhaustive, and who can devote his whole time during the week to teaching and other work of the college. By this arrangement the cost of running the college would be comparatively low. Special lectures can be secured in the city. If necessary, advantage can be taken of Manitoba College for Science and Classics, as done by our students of Montreal Theological College, who attend from say 15th Nov. to 15th April. During the rest of the year the students can be employed on mission fields. While at college they can be of great service doing mission work in the city and supplying places in the vicinity.

It was moved by Rev. A. Stewart, seconded by Rev. J. F. Betts, that we hereby express our hearty sympathy with the scheme for the establishment of a Theological College and that this Conference pledges its ready co-operation in endeavoring to obtain financial support for such a college.

In the afternoon the Manitoba Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada met. After some miscellaneous business, Dr. Young requested to be allowed to assume a superannuated relation to the Conference. He spoke with much emotion, referring to the interest he has taken, and still takes, in the work of Christ in this country, and to his labors in it. He regretted to take the step, but felt his time for doing it had come. Still he hoped to be of some use in the Master's service notwithstanding the requests

What he thought about it.

I am a commission merchant doing business in the West Indies. I used to buy your Patman's Painless Corn Extractor when in Canada, and think it is the best cure for corns I have ever seen. Please send me a few dozen for friends and customers in South America, and the West Indies." [Signed] Wm. Gould, N. Y. City.

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he was making. He would still do all he could for the Church.

Many of the brethren spoke of the high appreciation in which Dr. Young was held by themselves and by the Church at large—and of his self-sacrificing and heroic labors, and of the sad feelings arising in their minds from his retirement. The Conference granted Dr. Young's request and then closed.

The Manitoba Conference of the Methodist Church was closed in the evening. Eight hundred dollars were subscribed towards the Winnipeg Theological Institute. District superintendents elected—Rev. Messrs. Stewart, Woodsworth, Betts, Halstead and McDougall. A temperance anniversary was held in the evening, Mr. Sifton presiding.

BREVITIES.

Perfect symmetry never produces the effect of vastness. It is only by studying the details but we comprehend the character of the whole.

An old Detroit justice of the peace says that out of some 4,000 decisions, he has never yet read one that has satisfied both parties. He has finally got tired of trying to.

Of Carlyle, Mrs. Maurice said, "He has been here talking for four hours in praise of silence;" while Frederic Harrison says, "He preached the gospel of silence in thirty volumes octavo."

There is a fortune in so small a thing as a device for fastening a necktie. One of the patents in that line has just been sold to a company for \$1,000,000 in cash and royalties that may amount to as much more.

God made both tears and laughter, and both for kind purposes. Tears hinder sorrows from becoming despair and madness; and laughter is one of the very privileges of reason, being confined to the human species.

A traveller in Montana journeyed eight days in the direction indicated by a fingerboard which read: "Six miles to Miles City." When he got there he learned that the board had been carried off by Indians. He said he thought that something was the matter with the old thing.

The Rev. Dr. Roberts, of Brooklyn, once preached to Jacksonville lunatics, and introduced the story of the Hindoo mother who threw her child into the Ganges. As he left, one of them asked him: "Roberts, I say, what a pity your mother did not throw you into the Ganges."

Nature is guilty of some queer freaks. For instance: throw a ten cent dog that has never seen water, into the river, and it will immediately swim ashore; but when a \$50,000 man, whose education in the nautical art has been neglected, falls overboard, he inconspicuously sinks to the bottom.

Not long ago a member of the Kentucky Legislature called at the Executive Mansion one evening, and the Governor's wife asked him if he had recently attended church. "Oh yes," he said, "I've been 'round to the tin top," referring to the Episcopal church which had a tin roof. "And how did you like the service?" she asked. "Pretty well," was the reply, "I riz and fell with them every time."

A farmer sometime ago asked the Rev. Chas. Garrett to marry him, and on Mr. Garrett putting a few questions to him he said there were several unmarried ladies living in his neighborhood; out one of them one day visited his house, and after satisfying herself as to the condition of the house and farm said, "Well, John, there's naught here but what we can manage." So John accepted her, and the marriage ceremony was performed.

An elder of the kirk having found a little boy and his sister playing marbles on Sunday, put his reproach in this form, not a judicious one for a child: "Boy, do you know where children go to who play marbles on the Sabbath-day?" "Ay," said the boy, "they gang down to the field by the water below the brig." "Nay," roared out the elder, "they go to hell and are burned." The little fellow, really shocked, called to his sister, "Come awa, Jeanie, here's a man swearing."

A good story is told of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Atlanta, Ga. He recently addressed a large assembly of Sunday-school children, and wound up by asking, in a paternal and condescending way: "And now, is there a-n-y little boy or a-n-y little girl who would like to ask me a question?" "Is there a-n-y little boy or a-n-y little girl who would like to ask me a question?" A little shrill voice called out: "Please, sir, why did the angels walk up and down Jacob's ladder, when they had wings?" "Oh! ah! Yes—I see," said the Bishop. "And now, is there a-n-y little boy or a-n-y little girl who would like to answer little Mary's question."

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When Peter the Great became Emperor of Russia, the country could hardly be said to have an army, but at the end of his reign she had 210,000 soldiers, besides 28,000 men in the navy, forty-eight ships of the line and 800 smaller vessels.

For Coughs and Colds, use Allen's Lung Balsam. Relief is warranted or money refunded. See Advt.

In Great Britain there are females working in the mines of Lancashire, East Scotland and Glamorganshire. Two hundred and eighty-eight are between thirteen and sixteen, and one is twelve. Four thousand are above sixteen.

Life is full of disappointments. We usually offered to cure a bad case of Rheumatism for a year's subscription in advance, but just as we were on the point of hitting the checks, a sympathizing friend suggested Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, and the money and the patient vanished instantly.

Parson's Purgative Pills make new rich blood, and will completely change the blood in the entire system in three months. Any person who will take one pill a night from one to twelve weeks may be restored to sound health, if such a thing is possible.

In New South Wales the camellia grows to the size of a large tree, covered with blossoms, which are largely worn by the fair sex, who do not find them such expensive luxuries as do their English sisters.

GREAT FATALITY.—The ravages of Cholera Infantum and Summer Complaints among children is truly alarming. The most reliable cure is Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry. Every bottle guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Philadelphia has 562 establishments devoted to the making of men's and boys' clothing, in which are employed 9,192 men, 10,269 women and 934 children.

THERE ARE MANY PERFUMES WHICH, when applied to the handkerchief, have a very agreeable odor for a few moments and then die away, leaving only a sickly, disagreeable smell. Not so with MURRAY & LANSMAN'S FLORIDA WATER; the longer it is exposed the more delicate and delightful becomes its rich aroma.

Tea is found to improve by age. Neither the Chinese nor Japanese ever use tea less than a year old.

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There were, in round numbers, at the time of the recent emigration, 24,500,000 of inhabitants in Spain and the Spanish territories. Of these, 16,600,000 were in Spain itself.

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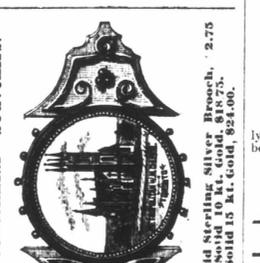
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