times steals over me, and almost suggests | whose streams have fertilised the arid the egotistic thought, "I only ain left plains of India and Ceylon, of Africa and alone to tell thee." Besides personal the West. In those quiet places it is reminiscences, I must draw a little on that the mightiest works have had their material which, though in my hands for beginnings. more than half a century, has been withheld purely from a feeling of deli- Our fathers sowed in tears, and we reap in think proper. cacy. (Applause.) Of this nature are joy. They lifted up their eyes in amazea few extracts from a letter of Robert ment at their earliest successes, wonder Hall the elder, written ninety nine years | ing whereunto they would grow. Their ago to my father, on the recent succes- hearts feared and were enlarged. Our sion of the younger Ryland to the cry is, See, the fields are white to harvest pastoral office of his father, then living | who will take a sickle and thrust it into the wonderful old man, the friend of the waiting crop? (Applause.) It will Dr. Johnson and other literary contem- be to me a satisfaction if from the poraries. The letter is in a style of depths of the long past I have been perplayful banter, obviously in burlesque of mitted to awaken echoes of voices, long certain extravagant rumours which had long silent; and still more if, as from reached his ear. "Your account of the | the sepulchre, the repetition of words of son of the prophets lately come to power, which once uttered, never die, Northampton was quite new. I suppose has aroused any laggard spirit, or Bro. Ryland would hear him with great awakened high resolves in any young attention, it being the first time of heart to consecrate itself to the noblest opening his mouth there. I understand of earth's enterprises. (Loud applause.) he never delivers an unfinished sentence, nor forms an inconclusive argument The most orthodox cannot charge him with the least erroneous sentiments. The original and all foreign languages, without exception, he can speak as fluently and pronounce as distinctly as his own mother tongue, and so courageous is he that an assembly of sovereigns and senators would not abash him. The face of man he knows not how to fear, and is quite unaffected with flattery.' (Applause.) After more in this strain he adopts a more serious tone of apprehension at the prospect of the reins of Government being placed "in hands (as he says) so inexperienced in human affairs, in which he is certainly a novice, a very simpleton-as much so, I suspect, or nearly, as our Bob." He speaks the value of his counsels!

In speaking of his father's characteristics he said:

already well known. Of one or two matters, however I must speak by way of correcting wrong impressions. The gifted author of "Rab and his friends," in comparing Mr. Fuller to his canine friend, affirms, on the authority of Dr. Charles Stuart, a physician of Edinburgh that he had in early life been a "boxer,' whose pugnacity rendered it impossible to resist the ever-recurring tendency to have at somebody.

The writer must have drawn largely on his imagination in ascribing to him the tendency to mix up such associations with his most sacred work. He had been addicted, when a youth to wrestling, and doubtless in after life did not forget its excitement. I have heard or rather seen it intimated, that these athletic contests influenced his polemical career. I think this is at best a very doubtful supposition. A far more likely | Pictou County. impulse is found in his jealousy for the interests of Divine truth rather than anything that savours of rivalry: His deprecation of polemics is recorded in those words, "O peace, thou inestimable jewel! The Lord grant I may never enter the polemical lists."

After speaking of the early missionaries and their work, and various other matters, he closed by describing "an old-time Association gathering."

At a time when the Northamptonshire Association was, with one or two exceptions, the only one, and its range was from St. Albans to Lincoln, its yearly meetings were great occasions. In those days of deliberate locomotion it was good to witness the arrival of worthy farmers of the old school, on their stout and stalwart steeds, not addicted to hunting; or driving their better-halves and daughters in capacious vehicles--(laughter); pedestrians covered with dust and perspiration, the product of many a weary mile of travel; a goodly array of "blackcoats" (for in those days such wear was sacred to mourners and ministers) exchanging hearty greetings, and acknowledging that "through mercy" they had arrived safe and well. At the present day the narrow escape may be made without the same acknow- stead of a disgrace, as it is. ledgment of "sparing mercies." A collective acknowledgment of this character often appeared in the Circular Letter.

I will not refer to the public services beyond the fact that two sermons were delivered in succession, with the interval of a hymn; but I wish to draw your attention a few moments to a smaller gathering of earnest and thoughtful spirits on the morning following, when a Sutcliff, Pearce, and Fuller, met in solemn prayer and interchange of personal religious experience. Whatever may be thought of this exercise as a frequent practice, and the abuses to which it is open, there is no doubt that in these quiet scenes, after all the excitement of meetings and partings and public services, and when "many had been coming and going," the old and tender voice was heard, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile." To use a phrase of my father's on another occasion, they yearned "to feel each other's

While drawing water out of those wells of salvation, there was one there who showed them a river proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, the trees on those banks were for the heal- prohibiting marriage with a deceased change.

that is dead," I may be forgiven if a ing of the nations. They came then and wife's sister. Both will probably be feeling of insulation and sadness some- there upon the wellspring of that river-

"One soweth and another reapeth."

METHODIST CHANGES.

At a recent meeting of the Eastern Section of the Book Committee held in Grafton Street Church, Hallfax,

The Editor of the Wesleyan, Rev. D. D. Currie informed the committee that he had, some time since, received a call to another department of church work, which seemed to him a providential one, and which required that he should ask the committee to accept his resignation of the office of Editor of the Wesleyan; and he therefore, tendered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the ecclesiastical year. Whereupon it was

Resolved,-"That while appreciating \$2.40, 30 cents per volume. in a subsequent letter of an interview | the services of Bro. Currie, as Editor of with this novice in terms of the highest our connectional organ in the Eastern is a valuable series of Essays by one commendation and acknowledgment of Provinces, this committee is nevertheless, of opinion, in view of all circumstances, that Bro. Currie's resignation should be accepted, and we hereby tender to him our sincere thanks for his ply of sermonic and other matters of Of my father I shall not say anything efforts in conducting the Wesleyan during his year of office.'

by Rev. Dr. Pickard, and seconded by D. D. Currie that Rev. T. Watson Smith be appointed Editor of the Wesleyan; and the motion was carried unanimously.

Rev. Dr. Pickard was also relieved by his own request of the office of Book Steward, and the Rev. S. F. Huestis unanimously elected to the office for the remainder of the quadrenium.

The Plain Dealer is the name of a new paper just started at New Glasgow by Mr. W. D. Stewart. It is a fair looking paper and professes to be independent in politics. It will no doubt add more life to that lively town in

Rev. T. M. Munre of Newcastle, N. B., has resigned the pastorate of the church there, and has received an invitation from a church in Connecticut, but would prefer laboring in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. We hope some church may invite our brother and that he may remain in these prov

Sunday last on the death of the Hon. George Brown from Zach. xi. 2. "Howl, fir tree; for the cedar is

The Witness very properly protests against the delay in settling who are the lawful proprietors of the Grand Parade. The case was before the Court the other day and postponed M. C. Warren, Boston...... 25 00 simply because a mistake of one letter had been made in the name of one of H. W. Longfellow, Cambridge the Jurers. It is quite time this matter were set at rest.

of being smashed up beyond recognition | should be an ornament to the city in- A. P. Peabody, D.D., Cambridge 10 00

brother of the Charlottetown Baptist Church, and Clerk of the Association, writes us, stating that it has been very freely circulated that he was the writer of the late communication in Christian Messenger signed "M." He denies few men, like-minded with Ryland, all knowledge of it until it appeared in the Messenger, and further adds that he was absent from Charlottetown during the time referred to.

> THE FARREL-KIDER - prohibiting Clergymen from the Halifax School Board, is a great grievance to the Witness, but is strongly sustained by the Morning Chronicle. The prohibition may be a governmental convenience in certain cases, but its being done by statute is certainly an injustice to the ministers of the city. The people should at least be allowed to elect a clergyman if they like to do so.

Such prohibition is almost as bad as

rectified next year.

It is probable the new Imperial Parliament will repeal all enactments prohibiting such marriages. The Churches may then keep the prohibition for their own people, or not, as they may

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A. D. W. BARSS, Treas. Welfville, May 14th, 1880. (Christian Visitor please copy.)

NOTICE. The Yarmouth County Ministerial Conference, advertized to take place at Ohio, on May 25th, is postponed one week, to Tuesday June 1st, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on account of a special meeting of the Yarmouth Co. Temperance Convention, appointed to meet on the above date, May 25th.

All interested will please note this H. N. PARRY, Sec'y.

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ACADIA COLLEGE.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Governors in the College on Tuesday, June 1st. at half past seven o'clock

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS. Secretary May 14, 1880.

The Pastors' Meeting of Hants County will hold its next session at Scotch Village on Tuesday, May. 25th, at 10 a.m., and the Auxiliary Board will meet at same place on the same day, at 2 p. m. Rev. E. Whitman is expected to preach in the evening.

SECRETARY.

REV. A. CHIPMAN wishes correspondents to address him at Lower Cape, Hopewell, N. B.

ERRATUM.-In acknowledgement of monies of May 12, instead of Miss H. Ogilvie, Musquodoboit, \$1.00, it should

be "Miss Aggie Ogilvie.

NOTICE. DEDICATION AT KARSDALE. The Baptist Meeting House at Kars dale, Lower Granville, Annapolis Co. will be dedicated to the worship of God on Sabbath May 23. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m. Dedication sermon is expected to be preached

by Rev. I. Wallace. Friends coming from a distance will please drop a card to the pastor, so that arrangements may be perfected to carry them from the Ferry. Karsdale is seven miles from the Ferry.

Yours etc., F. BEATTIE, Pastor.

ERRATA.—Our compositor did injustice to our correspondent "Justitia" last week, as well as to ourselves. Perhaps, however, the MSS. were not as clear as they might have been. In "J's" communication, instead of "But the Government and the Superintendent of | virtues, and prepare them for the re-Education, it appears, both attempt a justification and are excused," read, "But . . : attempt a justification and an excuse."

Our editorial on the same subject, is made to say, col. 3, line 33, "This fact will account for our not reporting the representation &c., (of the petitions) instead of, our not reporting the presentation &c. Will readers who are interested in that subject please read the articles again with the corrections made.

Moneys Received.

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