

subjects of irritating controversy, but as truths which have a direct and important bearing upon practice. It will be well for us to ask ourselves, as in the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus, the Redeemer and Judge of mankind, whether, either as a connexion or as individuals, our exertions to spread true religion in the world, by turning men to Christ, have ever come up to the standard which our creed demands. How ought our hearts to swell, and our eyes to weep, over a redeemed world, still covered with ignorance, polluted with sin, and sinking into perdition! How small a part of mankind, after the lapse of eighteen hundred years, have so much as heard of our Saviour's name!—and how many of those who have it daily upon their lips are utterly regardless of its import! Many thousands of even our regular hearers are so far careless about their spiritual interests, as steadily to turn their backs upon the Lord's table, and to stand aloof from Christian fellowship; and how many the members of our societies fall short of the Christian salvation, not having as yet believed with the heart unto righteousness, or if they once ran well, have lost their first love! Brethren, our piety must assume a higher character. Our zeal must be more intense and influential. Our ministry must be more powerful and searching. There must be more of the spirit of prayer, both in ourselves and in our people; and there must be a greater devotion of property and labour to the service of Christ, and the advancement of his work and honour in the earth. Till we rise to a higher standard of personal godliness, of liberality, and of holy exertion, our creed and practice will be at variance, and we shall neither fulfil the hopes of the world, nor the design of God, concerning us."

AFTERNOON SERVICE.—It had been announced, that a second meeting for public united prayer, would commence at three o'clock in the afternoon. The morning service having extended even beyond half-past three o'clock, a short postponement became necessary. The attendance, from this circumstance, was not so large as at the other services; but it partook of the same hallowed and joyful character as that which distinguished the entire proceedings of the day.

EVENING SERVICES.—The Chapel was, long before the hour arrived for the commencement of the services, again filled to overflowing. At six o'clock, the President, the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, entered the pulpit, and gave out the 564th hymn, on the 523rd page. After singing the entire hymn, he offered up an appropriate and comprehensive prayer, which was fervently responded to by the people. The scripture read for the evening was the 12th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans, which was followed by singing the 446th hymn, on the 413th page.

The preacher selected, as a text for the occasion, the 16th and 17th verses of the 90th Psalm,—"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto thy children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

After a very appropriate introduction, he dwelt on the following topics:—

I. *The manifestation of God's work to his servants*—in

1. Creation;
2. Providence,—as it appeared in
 - (1.) The natural world;
 - (2.) The moral world;
3. Redemption—This, he observed, was the noblest work of God—

- (1.) On account of its divine origin;
- (2.) Its mysterious accomplishment; and
- (3.) Its magnificent results.

And he farther directed attention to the Church as the scene of its manifestation.

II. *The revelation of His glory to their children,*—

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 - (1.) Religious education;
 - (2.) Practical manifestation;
 - (3.) Spiritual participation.

III. *The effusion of His influence on their labours:* The design of which was,

1. To illuminate the field of evangelical labour;
2. Refresh the labourers;
3. To invest the labour with sanctity; and
4. To secure permanence and prosperity of the work.

He concluded an able and pathetic address by observing—There will be another Centenary of Methodism. All the prognostications of our enemies have failed. Hume predicted that ere now Christianity would be destroyed. Is it? Another vulgar apostate of infidelity boasted that the trees of the Christian forest had been cut down. Cut down the trees of Eden! Vain man: their roots were in the ground, and even in France they were springing upward..... Mr. Wesley and Voltaire were contemporaries: How, he would enquire, did the former die? They all knew; while Wesley was a star of the first magnitude. "Wesley, thou hast received thy crown!" He earnestly prayed, that as they were Wesleyans on earth, they all might be with Wesley in heaven! He trusted this would be the most glorious year that they had ever experienced in the Methodist Connexion.

The service was concluded by the singing of that hymn which commences,

O that now the church were blest
With faith and faith's increase!

and the offering up of prayer by the Rev. Mr. Reilly, from Ireland.

The entire discourse was eloquent and powerful, full of large views, and lofty anticipations. That part of it more especially which treated of the religious training of children, was eminently clear and convincing. Its effect upon the congregation, which was very apparent, sufficiently indicated that, on this momentous subject, thought and feeling are more than usually awake.

Thus terminated the services of a day, which will not only be associated with feelings of the liveliest interest and gratitude in the minds of thousands and tens of thousands of the present generation, but will be memorable, so long as it exists, in the ANNALS OF METHODISM.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

LIVERPOOL—AUG. 6th.

The ORDINATION or admission into "Full Connexion," of those Young Preachers who have travelled as Probationers Four Years,—and the PUBLIC RECOGNITION of others, who, having been originally "set apart" to Missionary work, have returned home from foreign Stations, and have an opportunity of assembling with their Brethren,—are among the most interesting and popular services at the Annual Conferences. There were, as usual, distinct services for each of these Classes, and we shall notice them separately.

ORDINATION OF FIFTY-TWO YOUNG PREACHERS.

On TUESDAY evening, the preparatory services commenced in Brunswick Chapel, Liverpool, which