

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CANADA CONFERENCE.

SERMONS were preached in the Wesleyan Church, Oshawa, on Sabbath, August 16th, on behalf of the Society—in the morning by the REV. JAS. ELLIOTT, *President of the Montreal Conference*, and in the evening by the Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS, *President of the London Conference*. The congregations were large, and the sermons appropriate and able.

The Annual Meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday evening, the 20th of August. By request of the Committee, JAS. GOODERHAM, Esq., of Streetsville, occupied the Chair, and introduced the business of the Meeting in an eminently Christian, comprehensive, and practical speech. He said—

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—There are two aspects in which we may view our relationship to the great and good work of Christian Missions: one is that of duty, the other of privilege; and I incline to the opinion that while most of us may largely recognize the former we almost, if not altogether, ignore the latter: that is, we look upon our share in this work as stern, cold duty, imposed by arbitrary law, instead of an exalted privilege graciously placed within our reach. That it is a duty ne enlightened believer in the divine teachings of the New Testament can for a moment question. We ourselves belong to God; our name, our talents, our influence, our property, all belong to Him, not to us: it is simply committed to us in trust as stewards, and

as such, I ask, is it not our imperative duty in obedience to his commands to use that which is entrusted to us for the promotion of the honor and glory of Him who entrusted it? And then, do we not belong to the great brotherhood of man? Wherever we find a member of the human race, we find in him a brother claiming recognition at our hands. As a member of the one great family, of whom God is our Father, and being made the happy recipients of the blessings of the gospel on the condition that we convey them to others, is it not our imperative duty to carry out those conditions, and send it to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge? And do not all the teachings of the Bible establish the fact, that in the great day of judgment