

villages around as a local preacher, adds to the presentation of all the gold he had—"If I should be deemed a proper person to go on a foreign Mission, I hereby subscribe myself—I offer myself—all I have, and all I am, to go and carry the news of salvation to my fellow perishing men." (Hear, hear.) I heard a case some time ago which affected me exceedingly:—A widowed mother's only son, (though she had two or three daughters) felt it in his heart to offer himself a candidate for a foreign Mission with us. He was accepted. The time came when he must leave his mother's roof, and take leave of those most dear to him; but oh, the parting moment, when that came! The mother, the son, and the sisters, joined in prayer to God, and then the son took leave of his sisters. They retired, overwhelmed with grief; and then the mother and the son threw their arms around each other's necks, and remained for some time in silence, except giving vent to the sobs connected with the tears they shed. At last the mother, as though raised above herself, and out of weakness made strong, said, with a firm voice,—“My son, call your sisters back again.” He went and called them into the room. “Now,” said the mother, “let us again kneel down;” they did so; and she gave utterance, in a firm tone, to a prayer, in expressions like these—“Oh, God! I received this my son from thee.—The first time I heard his voice I gave him to thee. Thou knowest how often in my closet since, I have given him to thee; and now that thou hast deigned to accept him, I give him to thee and to thy work; accept him, preserve him from evil, make him very useful, and if we never meet again on earth, may we meet in heaven.” (Hear, hear.) Again on earth they never can meet;—he is in the high places of the foreign field, and God is blessing his labours; but his widowed mother has passed away from this world of sorrows and of grief, and her sainted spirit is now before the throne of God. (Hear, hear.) I say, then, if widowed mothers offer their sons, and their only sons, assuredly we ought to be ready to offer our money, to support the cause. (Hear, hear.) Sir, I shall not trespass much further, but I do most cordially second the Resolution, and do anticipate we shall have a good collection this day. I remember that, twelve months ago, I was introduced to this society, by name, and a collection. I suppose my old companion is not far off now. (Laughter.) He is about somewhere, I dare say; he is an expected guest; I think he is always a welcome guest too. I hope the assembly, if they don't smile upon me, will smile upon him; I am sure they will shake hands with him; and in doing so will not hold out to him an empty hand; and then with an excellent subscription, we will all take fresh courage. (Much cheering.)

The Resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

Dr. Bunting said, his friend Mr. Newton should not be disappointed in the expectation of seeing his old companion, because the collection had, at that moment, commenced behind him, and it should be made throughout the meeting immediately.

The collection then proceeded, during which, Dr. Bunting read a list of subscriptions.

The Rev. Dr. then moved the following resolution:—

“That the cordial thanks of the Society are especially due to the Rev. Thomas Jackson, President of the Conference, the Rev. Robert Newton and the Rev. Theophilus Lessey, for their excellent sermons preached before the society during its present anniversary; to the Rev. Dr. Bennett and the Rev. William Barton, for their very acceptable services on the same occasion; to all other Ministers who have publicly advocated the cause of the society during the past year; and to the Auxiliary and Branch Societies, the Ladies' Association, the Juvenile Societies, and their respective Committees, Treasurers, Secretaries, and Collectors,

both at home and abroad, for their very successful exertions on behalf of the Funds of the Institution, in which exertions they are most earnestly entreated to continue and abound.”

THOMAS WALKER, Esq., cordially seconded the resolution. It had been said that this was the best meeting that had been held at Exeter Hall. The substantial proof of that was not at that moment made manifest; but, in a little more time the amount of collection would show what the fact was: he trusted that 100,000*l.* would be raised for the year, but that would greatly depend upon every one acting under the conviction that it was incumbent upon him and her to do all that he and she could. (Hear, hear.) He would say, let the meeting act upon its first and best convictions. There was nothing to be done without trouble or some sacrifice. Those who heard him must neither regard trouble nor sacrifice, but consider that every one of them had it in his power to do something. If all of them would only bear in remembrance this Society throughout the year, and also keep in mind, associated with it, in reference to what they could do for it, these three letters T—r—y, it would be found at the next anniversary that great things had been accomplished. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was then put and carried unanimously.

THOMAS FARMER, Esq., moved—

“That the very cordial and respectful thanks of the society are due to John Pemberton Plumptre, Esq., M. P., who has kindly presided over the meeting.”

GEORGE THORNECROFT, Esq., felt extreme pleasure in seconding this resolution.

The resolution was put to the meeting by Mr. Farmer, and unanimously agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN then rose and returned thanks.

Dr. BUNTING said—Before the meeting separated, he wished to communicate a piece of what he might call good news; not that he thought it good news to learn that their supporters had been removed to another state of being, but it was gratifying to know that those who had been friends to the Society, had continued to be so till their dying hour; and he had to state, that Mr. Richard Threlfall, the father of the lamented missionary of that name, who was murdered some years ago in Africa, had departed this life on Wednesday morning last, and left a legacy to the society of 1000*l.* (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. Doctor then read over an abstract of the expenditure for the last year.

The Doxology was sung; and the PRESIDENT pronounced the benediction.

The Wesleyan.

HALIFAX, MONDAY, JUNE 10.

ACCORDING to the intention which we announced last week, we publish this week an extra number, giving the account of the aggregate Missionary Meeting held in London. We have no doubt that the speeches will be read with interest by many who will hereby have access furnished to them, at least much earlier than by any other plan. We shall give the usual No. on Monday next.

A more than ordinary dearth of intelligence has been felt during the past week—the following are the principal items of importance.

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