

that heresy is the breach of human regulations!

Mr. Perceval then meets the objections of *uncharitableness, exclusiveness, &c.*, and finds out that these are recommendations of his system—proves that it is divine!! see pages 61 and 62. Then he comes to the objection of the popery of the high church scheme. He says this objection "is an old device of the Papists," p. 64; and tells a tale of "one Cummin, a triar, who contrived to be taken into the Puritan pulpit," &c. "The pope," he says, "condemned him, and gave him a reward of 20000ducats for his good behaviour." The practices of popery are bad enough, I have no doubt, for all that: still Mr. Perceval is unfortunate in his example. Dr. Wells objected this case of Cummins against the dissenters above a hundred years ago. His talented and learned answer, Mr. Pierce, referred him to Dr. Collins's Answer to Dr. Scott's Case of Forms of Prayer, for proof that "the whole story is such a notorious forgery, that no man can lay stress upon it, without exposing the reputation of his judgment or his honesty." Pierce's Remarks on Dr. Wells's Letters, p. 15, 12mo, London, 1710. And in Mr. Pierce's Vindication of the Dissenters, a masterly work, part 2, chap. 1, he tells us, that "Dr. Wells only replied, that he did not before know of any such writing, and never attempted to vindicate those foolish forgeries." A good example for Mr. Perceval.

Mr. Perceval thinks, that because Christ has an eternal priesthood in heaven, gospel ministers must be priests upon earth. When he shows the law for it, we shall believe it. But Mr. Perceval belongs to a party who are nearer to Popery than to Protestantism. He is consistent, therefore, in wishing to establish a *priesthood* upon earth, "daily sacrifices, offerings for sin," &c. He quotes our Lord's sayings to his apostles and disciples about not being "called masters," as though we urged these sayings against "all claims on the part of the Christian ministry to authority and degree." Mr. Perceval is expert at answering objections which were never made. We never urged his sayings for any such purpose. He is right (p. 70) in saying "that the only way authorized by Christ to dignity and exaltation in His Church, is, by discharging the offices of the ministry, and thus serving the people:" therefore it follows that episcopal consecrations, &c., are matters of ceremony, and not essential.

To be concluded in our next.

THE WESLEYAN.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1842.

We have the pleasure of informing our readers that the Rev. EPHRAIM EVANS, one of the Deputation from the last Canada-Western District Meeting, arrived at Boston by the last Mail-steamers, the *Britannia*, and reached Hamilton (Gore District) on Friday, the 28th ult., in health and safety. The passage was very stormy, but, by the good hand of God upon him, he has been preserved to return to his family, flock, and friends, to the scene of his pastoral labours, which has doubtless been an object of his solicitude and fervent prayer, during his absence. He brings the most cheering information respecting the increasing liberality of the people of England in supporting the Wesleyan Missionary Society, and the deep interest that is felt in the maintenance of the work in Western Canada. He entertains no doubt of the liquidation of the debt, when the intended simultaneous effort is made. Leeds has promised to head the national subscription with £3000; James Hargreaves, Esq., has nobly offered £1000; and we doubt not that the temporary embarrassment and its consequent inquiry and exertion will issue in the diffusion of a more enlarged and adequate liberality, and the acceleration and extension of the Mission work. We perceive from the *Watchman* that in the Exeter District, Liverpool, Redruth and other places, the exertions to increase the collections and subscriptions have been very successful. The work of

Christian Missions is the work of God, and it is both our solemn duty and exalted honour to engage in and promote it. "To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

A letter, lately received from Kingston, brings us the gratifying intelligence that the collections, subscriptions and donations, in that town, in aid of the Wesleyan-Methodist Missionary Society, have reached the noble sum of £350. The Mayor—J. COUNTER, Esq.—has subscribed £50, and other friends smaller sums, varying from £25 downwards. A similar spirit of liberality is awakened in other places. We had the pleasure of attending the Anniversary-services of the Hamilton branch Missionary Society, on Sunday and Monday, the 30th and 31st ult.; and were gratified with the interest which was manifested in the services, by the attendance of a large congregation on each day and by the amount of the collections which were made. But, perhaps, the most expressive evidence of all is the large and beautiful chapel which has lately been erected by the liberality of the members, friends, and inhabitants generally. It is one of the most substantial, well-arranged and tastefully-constructed chapels in the Province; and is, we think, excelled by none, except St. James' street chapel in Montreal.

We also learn that an excellent Missionary meeting was held in Brantford, on the day following the one in Hamilton. Of both these we hope to furnish an account in our next.

The following note, received since our anniversary-services in this city, describes an affecting and instructive instance of Christian benevolence and liberality, which is well worth the careful attention of our readers:—

"Enclosed is the humble tribute of an afflicted female, who [through the loss of hearing] is shut out from the benefit of a preached Gospel, by the all-wise dispensation of that Being who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind; but who is desirous to contribute her mite towards sending the word of eternal life to the benighted heathen. This small tribute [£1 5s.] is the result of putting a shilling or two by, now and then, for the Missionary cause, as she thought she could spare it, out of her monthly allowance for housekeeping."

With what feeling and emphasis does such an example proclaim—"Go thou and do likewise!"

TORONTO MISSIONARY TEA-MEETING.—On the evening of Friday, 28th ult., a Wesleyan Missionary tea-meeting was held in the City-hall, by permission of His Worship the Mayor. The walls were tastefully decorated,—the British Flag appropriately occupying a prominent position. The expressive and emphatic words,—"dear to every loyal heart,—"VICTORIA and BRITISH SUPREMACY," were emblazoned over the Chair and doubtless woke many a responsive chord, in the eyes of those who successively entered fell on them. Parallel rows of tables, running from end to end, were placed as closely as possible, and covered with "good things," suitable to the occasion, in variety and great abundance. In one corner, a space was enclosed with gradually elevated seats for the use of the George Street Choir, and part of the Band of the 43d Regiment, the latter being permitted to attend by the politeness of Colonel FURLONG. Five hundred persons or upwards were present, forming a very respectable and interesting assemblage, and expressing, by their countenances and otherwise, the spirit of social harmony and interest in the proceedings by which they were animated and the pleasure they experienced in the festivities and services of the evening. The Rev. M. RICHEY opened the meeting with singing and prayer, and invoked the Divine benediction, the company sat down to tea. All who were present must, we are sure, have been highly

pleased with the style in which they were furnished with the beverage which "cheers but not intoxicates," and its various accompaniments. No exertion appears to have been spared by the numerous members and friends, male and female, to whom were entrusted the preparation and management of the festivity; and we are sure that no small amount of time, pains and expense were required by the occasion. Tea having been suitably concluded, the Rev. W. CASE was called to the Chair amid the loud applause of the meeting. Addresses relating to the state of the world and the noble work of Christian Missions were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. STRYKER, RYAN, L. RICHY, MANLY, and SUNDAY; and an appropriate address was recited by Master Richey also. The speakers, on presenting themselves before the audience, and at intervals during the delivery of their addresses, were cheered with a promptitude and warmth which, while it plainly declared the views and feelings of the auditors, must have encouraged and animated the speakers in the advocacy of their important cause. Every reference to British supremacy, power and dignity, woke the deepest echoes of the heart and started into augmented force and ardour the loyal sentiments and sympathies of the assemblage. Mr. SUNDAY was most vehemently cheered; he dwelt for some time on the origin of the Indians and closed in a most animated and impressive strain. Mr. RYAN, referred particularly to Africa, and the noble attempt to improve her condition which has recently been commenced, and with which the name of His Royal Highness Prince ALBERT is identified; and at the close of his remarks, the band appropriately struck up "Rule Britannia." "God save the Queen" was heard standing and was vehemently cheered. The Band performed admirably on the occasion, and greatly contributed, by several pieces of music, to the pleasure of the evening: Nor must the Choir be excluded from this meed of praise. The utmost harmony and gratification appeared to pervade the assembly; the only drawback arising from the difficulty, indeed the impossibility, of affording seats to all. The doxology being sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. W. CASE, the assemblage dispersed, and thus closed the largest and most delightful Tea-meeting we have ever attended. The pecuniary proceeds, we have no doubt, will be handsome, and the influence otherwise highly beneficial.

The *Toronto Patriot* notices the meeting in the following terms:—

"We copy from the *Wesleyan* the very interesting account of the Public Meeting of the friends of the British Wesleyan Missions. Since then (on Friday evening) they have celebrated their Anniversary in the City Hall, in the same pleasing manner that we detailed last year. Upwards of five hundred persons filled the hall—tables were spread for as many as could be accommodated with the refreshment of Tea, Coffee, Cakes, &c. Part of the 43d Band was in attendance. The proceedings were conducted in the creditable and unexceptionable manner characteristic of all the doings of this loyal and intelligent body of our fellow Christians. The Rev. W. CASE presided."

The *Toronto Herald*, on the same subject, says:—

"The Wesleyan Methodist congregation (in connexion with the British Conference) enjoyed a social tea party, in the City-hall, on Friday last. The children of the Sunday School belonging to the same respectable body, will be similarly entertained this day. A notice of both these interesting proceedings will appear in our next."

The notice of the Missionary tea-meeting, promised by the *Herald*, appeared in a late number of that journal; and as it consists principally of a report of the speeches, of which we have said but little, we transfer it to our columns, under the head of RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE. We beg to tender our respectful and cordial thanks to both the *Herald* and the *Patriot*, for the insertion of our account of the public Missionary Meeting and for the friendly notices which we have just quoted

TORONTO WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—On the evening of Sunday, the 30th ult., an interesting service, in behalf of the Wesleyan Sunday Schools—George Street, Duke Street, and Lot Street, in this

city—was held in George Street Chapel. The Rev. Matthew Richey preached an appropriate sermon from these words—"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." He, also, publicly examined a select number of the children, on various points of religious faith and practice; and the answers were given with great readiness and correctness, evincive of the good management and success of the schools, under their respective superintendents and teachers. Appropriate pieces were recited by Master Samuel Shaw and Master Matthew Richey. The chapel was excessively thronged throughout, and several were obliged to return home, unable to find room. On the following day, (Monday,) tea was given to the teachers and children (500 or upwards) in the city-hall. The schools are in a highly flourishing condition. A prosperous Sunday-school is also held at Yorkville—the northern extremity of the city.

The *Church*, of the 5th inst., contains the following editorial remarks:—

"The editor of *The Wesleyan* has taken some remarks of ours, in a personal sense. We protest against any such construction of them, and assure our contemporary that we alluded to his editorial conduct, and not to his private character. In the latter, we respect him; and, in the former, amidst much that we object to, we are happy to acknowledge his loyalty and British feeling, and particularly his aiding us in our endeavour to caution the public against purchasing the scandalous almanacs sold by Messrs. Leslie."

We assure our contemporary that we did not take his observations in a personal sense, any farther than personal and editorial character are inseparable; that we did suppose, and do now, that he alluded to our "editorial conduct" and not to our "private character;" and that we have put no other "construction" upon his words. His words, which we fairly quoted, speak for themselves. We confess ourselves unable to comprehend the justness, the utility, or the point of his distinction between personal and editorial character. The same broad immutable principles of truth and righteousness should govern a man in every relation and in all circumstances. We abhor double-dealing and treachery in a public capacity as much as in a private one; and the man who charges us with "professing attachment" to another, and, "at the same time," endeavouring to injure him, in our editorial relation, as greatly and grossly insults us as if he charged us with such an abomination, in the private relations of life. We profess to be governed by Christian and British principles, privately and publicly, personally and editorially; and if any man accuse us of duplicity, fraud, or dishonour, in any relation or state, he, of course, attacks our character. Our contemporary has left the substance of our remarks untouched, and neither augmented our knowledge nor kindly administered to our feelings. His position and ours, two weeks ago, remain unchanged.

We beg to remind our Agents of the expediency of making remittances. We hope they will not fail to attend to this matter soon. Subscribers who have no opportunity of communicating with an agent, will please remit in some other way.

We have been obligingly favoured with a copy of the District Municipal Council Act, District Court Act, Common School Act and School Lands Act, neatly printed in one pamphlet, from the office of the *Toronto Herald*. Price, seven pence half-penny.

PLAN OF THE MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES IN THE CANADA EASTERN DISTRICT.

Feb. 13, Sunday, Sermons at Melbourn.
" 14, Monday, Public Meeting at Melbourn.
" 15, Tuesday, do. Kingsley.
" 20, Sunday, Sermons at Odell-town.
" 21, Monday, Public Meeting do.
" 22, Tuesday, do. Hemmingford.
" 23, Wednesday, do. Russelltown.
" 26, Thursday, do. Huntingdon.

W. M. HARVAT,
Chairman of the District.

Civil Intelligence.

TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND—ARRIVAL OF THE BRITANNIA.

The Royal Mail Steam-ship *Britannia*, Capt. Hewitt, arrived at Boston on Saturday