

even as to our "home population," "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Our estimable Founder has told us that the design of God in raising up the Methodists was to spread Scriptural holiness through the length and breadth of the land. Has this been accomplished? It would not be difficult to point out circuits where no enlargement of the work of God has been experienced for several years, nor to mention others whose numbers have declined without any apparent satisfactory cause. In a journey of several hundred miles which I took a short time ago for the improvement of my health, I was surprised and grieved to find important villages in the vicinity of circuit-towns, where the soul-alarming and soul-saving doctrines of Methodism were unknown. Nor were my feelings less excited when I found, in other large towns where Methodism is considered well established, the poor inhabitants of almost whole streets in a state of utter moral destitution. Now if, as we have been taught, our call is to the poor of the land, why have we not established in such localities, preaching places and schools? Not because there is a want of local preachers, nor of pecuniary means for the erection of school premises. Nothing is easier than to find excuses for indifference. One class of persons may find a plea for idleness in the pleasing fact, that another section of the church is making unexampled efforts to provide for the salvation of the surrounding population. Another class may remain inactive because the sanctuaries already provided hold all that come to them. While a third class may tell us they are so much engaged with church-reform, that they have no time to devote to church extension. But will such excuses satisfy Him who has taught us that the salvation of souls is worth the greatest sacrifices the most exalted intelligence in creation can make—that we must seek in order to save them that are lost—and that our light must so shine before men, that they be led to glorify our Father in heaven?

Much might be said as to the means by which we might promote the enlargement of the Protestant cause, but I will now only add my conviction, that, if the question, what can we do for the revival of the work of God, be entered into by every circuit at their next quarterly meeting, openings and means for its extension and improvement will abundantly present themselves to every sincere inquirer. Meanwhile let us remember the graves are opening to receive us; therefore what we find to do, should be done with all our might.

I am, dear sirs, yours most truly,
Cheltenham, Jan. 27, 1839. AN OBSERVER.

AN EXAMPLE WORTHY OF IMITATION.—The Rev. J. Waterhouse, one of the treasurers of the Methodist Preachers' Auxiliary Fund, (a fund established for the purpose of affording relief to Supernumerary Preachers and the Widows of Preachers,) has received a letter from Kent, containing five pounds, of which the following is a copy:—

"Sirs,—On entering upon a new line of business, I determined on devoting a certain per centage on my profits to the work of the Lord, as carried on by us, (Wesleyan Methodists,) and finding, at the close of the year, I have still something left, I enclose you Five pounds for the Old Preachers' Fund, considering that men worn out in the service of God ought not to be neglected. Yours, &c.

N. B. Fifty pounds have also been received from another part of the nation, for the same benevolent purpose.

WESLEYAN CHAPELS IN LONDON.

City Road 11	Hinde Street 10
Great Queen Street 10	Southwark 6
Spitalfields 16	Lambeth 6
Total 59	

This is the result of our conversation with the

Preachers, and an inspection of their plans. But as several may be (properly) in the country, and others very small, a safer estimate of the London Chapels will be set down their number at about fifty—*Watchman*.

GOVERNOR LUCAS, of Ohio, is a member of the Methodist church, and uses his influence in favour of temperance and other objects of interest and usefulness.—*American Christian Watchman*.

OBITUARY.

At Nottingham, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the 52nd year of her age, Ann, the beloved wife of Mr. Alderman Carey. During a protracted and painful affliction, she evinced the power of divine grace to wean the affections from all sublunary objects, to support the mind under severe bodily sufferings, and to mature the graces of the Christian character. To her the grave had no terror, and death no sting. By her demise, a sorrowing family have sustained an irreparable loss, the church is deprived of a valuable member, and the Wesleyan Ministers one of their kindest friends.

On the 22nd ult., aged 42, the Rev. Thomas Williams, Wesleyan Minister, at Helstone. He was returning home from Lizard, where he had been preaching that evening, and requested the boy who had the care of his horse to meet him at Cary Highway, which he did. Mr. W. said to the boy, "You shall ride behind me," and the boy had but just mounted the horse when Mr. Williams was seized with a fit of apoplexy, fell from his horse, and immediately expired,—about 10 o'clock in the night. Medical aid was procured as speedily as possible, but all was abortive; the spirit had taken its flight to the paradise of God. He had travelled in the Wesleyan connexion sixteen years, with respectability, acceptance, and usefulness. His death is greatly deplored by the inhabitants of the town and circuit. His funeral was, indeed, a most solemn scene. Two clergymen, with the surgeon, and six travelling preachers, accompanied the funeral procession, which was immense, to the grave. A solemn address was delivered in the chapel by the Rev. John Bustard, and the Rev. Joseph Wood concluded with prayer.—Funeral sermons were preached on Sunday the 4th inst., in the morning, by the Rev. William Sleep; and in the evening by the Rev. Josh. Fielding, (from Bristol,) to an overflowing congregation,—it is said not less than 1600 persons.

On Friday, the 26th ult., at Bradford, at the house of his son, Mr. John G. Hayman, printer and bookseller, the Rev. William Hayman, Wesleyan minister, aged fifty-two. Mr. Hayman had discharged the duties of his office for nearly thirty years. He had itinerated in several circuits in this county and Cornwall, with great acceptability and extensive usefulness. At the last annual conference of the preachers, his physical infirmities compelled him to desist from active labour, and during the last six months, he resided at Bradford, preaching occasionally as his strength permitted. Coming down stairs on Tuesday evening last, he fell, it is believed in a fit of apoplexy. Immediate assistance was afforded him, but he survived the seizure only about an hour. Although his death was sudden, the unvarying tenor of his life affords his friends the most satisfactory assurance that he was fully prepared for the event. He was one of the most useful and devoted ministers of the connexion to which he belonged; his amiable disposition and uniformly consistent piety had secured him the highest veneration and esteem of the societies to which he had ministered; but while they deplore the deprivation of a zealous and faithful pastor, to his bereaved widow and seven children the death of so near and dear a relation will be a source of irreparable loss.—*North Devon Journal*.