

Third Anniversary.

THE third anniversary of the Canada Conference Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in the Methodist Chapel in the Village of Hamilton, Gore District, on the first day of September 1827.

Besides a large congregation of the white inhabitants, about 40 natives were present, who came from the Grand River, and the River Credit.

The Rev. Dr. Bangs was called to the Chair. He delivered a very able and affectionate address on the rise, progress, and importance of Methodist Missions in North America, after which several other interesting addresses were delivered.

As instances of the solicitude of natives to obtain information, the Rev. W. Ryerson stated the following incidents :---

The Head Chief of the Simcoe Indians came to solicit a Missionary for the purpose of instructing his people. He had built a house on an Island in Lake Simcoe which he offered for the use of the Mission. He said that he and his people were very willing, as far as was in their power, to aid in supporting a Missionary.

As a further demonstration of the generous disposition and ardent desire of these humble enquirers, to have their children instructed, the women, Mr. Ryerson stated, had presented him with a quantity of their earrings, broaches, breast-plates and trinkets, requesting him to sell them and purchase books for their children. This jewellery---the token of Indian benevolence and effect of Gospel influence, was presented to the Assembly, and appeared to inspire a liberality of feeling in the minds of those present, which will no doubt be beneficial to the cause of Missions.

About 14 children from the Credit school, exhibited specimens of their writing, read to the Assembly in the New Testament and English Reader---spelt very correctly, (out of the book) in four syllables, repeated the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments both in English and Indian---and concluded by singing the following hymn in Chippeway and English :---

“The praises of my tongue,
I offer to the Lord ;
That I was taught and learnt so young
To read his holy word.”---

After the sermon and ordinations by Bishop Hedding on Sabbath, Mr. Davis an aged Chief addressed his brethren in the Mohawk, after him the son of a Cayuga Chief, (William Doxtater) read a portion of the Mohawk Gospel of St. Luke and expounded it to his brethren. This youth of about 20 years of age was lately converted, since which he labours with much perseverance and