

The Provincial Wesleyan.

Biographical.

The Late Mrs. Joseph A. Doane.

To eulogize the dead, to set forth their excellencies merely by the way of exalting them in the estimation of the living, is by no means a legitimate object of Christian Biography.

There were any excellencies of which the subject of the following remarks was possessed she herself would have attributed them to those around her.

She was born in Barrington on the 8th of June 1821, and from a child exhibited evident signs of being influenced by the fear of God.

This public profession of religion was not so much characterized by any material change in her external deportment, her previous walk leaving little room for anything of that kind.

Her comparatively brief sojourn on earth was distinguished by many a trial, and in the midst of her earthly life, she was enabled to see into the heart of things.

Her retiring and unobtrusive disposition scarcely justified the expectation that there would occur any of those prominent and noticeable incidents of active zeal and wide spread and extensive usefulness in the church or the world.

It was not without serious reflection earnestly seeking divine direction and parental counsel that she entered into a matrimonial connection with her now bereaved and afflicted partner, Mr. Joseph A. Doane.

Her record, as a child—a sister—a neighbour and friend—a relative and Christian, is on high. She feared and loved the Lord.

She died at Barrington, Victoria, July 2nd, 1855, in the triumph of faith, Mrs. JOSEPH A. DOANE, daughter of Winthrop Sergeant, Esq., of Barrington, Nova Scotia, aged 34 years.

In compliance with the request of the bereaved husband of the now sainted Mrs. Doane, to furnish to her friends, a brief notice of her Christian life, so far as it was under my own notice, I address myself to the melancholy task under a deep impression that it is far beyond my power, in so limited a sketch, to do justice to her excellencies as to do fully record her worth.

intercourse with her during this brief period we felt a growing conviction, that the candidly enjoyed intimate and hallowed fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

"The soil was indeed 'thorny,' being abundantly covered with the 'care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches.' These thorns springing up have choked the good seed in hundreds of those who gave signs of promise in their own land.

She put forth, in living freshness the branches of genuine Christianity, richly laden with those fruits which are by Christ Jesus to the praise and glory of God.

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When we referred to the 20th of December last to the publication in the Wesleyan Notices of the first part of an account of DR. BEECHAM'S visit to British America.

We have recently received the completed Report in pamphlet form, reprinted from the 'Notices.' So interesting a document should be, in its present shape, in the hands of all our readers, and we trust that means will be adopted for securing a sufficient supply at our Book Room.

By the recent transfer of the Societies' Missions in Lower, or Eastern, Canada, and the Hudson's Bay Territories, to the Canadian Conference, the full and complete union of the two bodies was effected.

which it was engaged that they should receive an annual allowance of Seven Hundred Pounds. This was paid out of the Casual and Territorial Revenue of the province; but when a change took place in the administration of that revenue, the Society's claim for Seven Hundred Pounds per annum was transferred to the Clergy Reserve Fund.

The Society became involuntarily mixed up with the agitation respecting that Fund which has disturbed the peace of the province for a succession of years.

The feeling in favour of secularizing that Fund at length became predominant; and an Act passed the Provincial Legislature, at its last session, for applying the Fund to municipal purposes, reserving only such an amount as would be necessary to meet the payments to individual Ministers and to religious bodies, to which the faith of the Crown was pledged.

By this Act the Society's claim was secured for twenty years; when the payment was to cease. But the Act also provided that the Governor in Council should be empowered to make a commutation of any or all of the claims on the part of Ministers or religious bodies.

It has been stated that the union of the Society's Missions in Lower, or Eastern, Canada, and the Territory of the Hudson's Bay Company, with the Canadian Conference, had been arranged by correspondence during the course of last year.

The completion of this Union forms an important epoch in the history of Methodist Missions in Canada. The commencement of the English work in the Province, is generally ascribed to the introduction of British preachers.

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The Conference itself, of course, first claims its attention, and after a close observation, for several days, of the temper and proceedings of the brethren assembled, under the able Presidency of the Rev. Enoch Wood, supported by the Co-Delegate, the Rev. John Ryerson, the previous impression which he had received in their favour was confirmed.

The position which Methodism occupies in Canada evinces the adaptation of the system to the wants and circumstances of a new country. Its influence is great; as its undivided energies will henceforth be put forth on one common plan, under one direction, it may be calculated that, with God's blessing, its one great end—the spread of vital Christianity—will be more rapidly attained.

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place of note in Palestine. The principal object of the mission is to examine the Written Valley in the Wilderness, as it is called, near to Mount Jabul, as it is well known that the whole face of this mountain is covered with written characters, generally supposed to have been done by the children of Israel during their sojourn in the wilderness. As these have never been deciphered, Mr. Wright takes out with him apparatus to copy them all off, and bring them home with him. If this can be done, and they can be read, they will no doubt throw a great deal of light on Bible knowledge. Mr. Wright will likewise take copies of other spots of interest, which will perhaps tend to illustrate them more to the public mind. The party is large, consisting of upwards of twenty persons. They are to get an escort to accompany them, besides guides, which will swell their number pretty largely.—Edinburgh Witness.

Wesleyan Intelligence.

Wesleyan Missionary to the British Army in Turkey.

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Corran, in Italy, and also proprietor of a celebrated marble works, intended for the bust of the late Rev. Dr. Newton, which he desired to present to the Society, and wishes that it may be preserved under the care of the Committee in the Century Hall, for the use of the Society.

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Military Strength and Prospects.

For the campaign which is soon to commence, the British have about 200,000 troops in the East, including 100,000 men and 100,000 horses.