

presenting the views and wishes of all its congregations in this matter, should adopt and immediately forward to the several branches of the Legislature, a petition in favour of this measure.

The Committee would further suggest to the Synod the propriety of bringing under the notice of the Directors of the several Railroads and Steamboat Companies, by memorial or otherwise, the great power possessed by them in the Providence of God, by the proper regulation and conduct of their business, to contribute to the proper observance of the Sabbath, and to the interests of morality and religion in general, and to urge upon them the solemn responsibility under which they are placed to employ this power accordingly.

Little immediate benefit may result from this step, yet the Committee conceives that the Church will but perform the duty which it owes to its great Head and to the country, in declaring to these bodies, its conviction in the premises.

All of which, however, is respectfully submitted. On behalf of the Committee.

WM. BAIN, *Convener.*

P. S.—We regret that two Reports, in type and agreed upon to appear in this number, (see page 153), have been crowded out.

GAVAZZI'S SUNDAY SERVICES IN LONDON.—

During last winter large and deeply attentive congregations have assembled, twice on every Sunday, in the Music Hall, Store Street, London, to listen to the preaching of the gospel by the eminent Christian reformer, Alessandro Gavazzi. When the original series of services was near its conclusion, so strongly did the audience testify their regret that Gavazzi consented to continue them once every Sunday during a part of the summer. Being a member of the Italian Church, founded by St. Paul in Rome, and recently revived in Piedmont, his services in this country are, consequently, entirely unconnected with any denomination of English Christians. The subjects chosen for his sermons have comprised points of the greatest importance and interest; Justification by faith; spirituality of mind; the defence of the Bible; the benefits of Christ's death; Jesus, the Justifier, the Sanctifier, and the Glorifier; Christ, our Help, &c. &c. Such themes as these, set forth with all the power of language and depth of feeling for which the reverend orator is so remarkable, cannot fail to produce a lasting impression upon his hearers, many of whom have not previously been in the habit of steadily attending a place of worship. Although his expressions and illustrations are sometimes startling to us, accustomed as we have been from our childhood to the quiet sermons of our English churches, his views of religious truths, drawn direct from the Bible, contain a simplicity and unction which are alike refreshing and arousing to those who have the privilege of listening to his eloquent and noble discourses. The expenses of the room, &c., are to be defrayed by voluntary contributions; and, when this sum exceeds the needful amount, the surplus is generously devoted by the illustrious exile to a Christian school for boys in Piedmont, for the maintenance of which he has undertaken to be solely responsible.

PROGRESS OF WESLEYAN METHODISM.—From a table affording a complete view of the present position of Wesleyan Methodism, with the exception of the districts of North Wales and Second South Wales, from which returns have not been received, the progress of Wesleyanism seems still onward in England. In London we find they number 17,955 adherents, being an increase, as compared with last year, of 174; Liverpool numbers 11,097 members, being an increase of

508; in Manchester and Bolton there are 21,150 members, increase 446; Halifax and Bradford 14,865 members, increase 689; Lincoln 12,568, increase 673; 673; in Edinburgh and Aberdeen there are 2265 members, showing a decrease of 135; and in the Shetland Isles there are 1588, being a decrease of 34.

DENOMINATION STATISTICS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.—According to the census of Religious Worship taken by the Government in 1857, the totals of all attendants, as then returned, were in England and Wales as follow:—

Church of England,	5,292,551
Wesleyan Methodists,	2,417,358
Independents,	1,214,059
Baptists,	930,190
Roman Catholics,	383,630
Presbyterians,	80,510

POETRY.

"A LITTLE WHILE."

"What is this He saith, a little while."—
JOHN xvi. 18.

Oh for the peace that floweth as a river,
Making life's desert places bloom and smile!
Oh for the faith to grasp Heaven's bright "for ever"
Amid the shadows of Earth's "little while."

"A little while" for patient vigil-keeping,
To face the storm, to wrestle with the strong;
"A little while" to sow the seed with weeping;
Then bind the sheaves and sing the harvest song.

"A little while" to wear the robe of sadness;
To toil with weary step through miry ways;
Then to pour forth the fragrant oil of gladness,
And grasp the girdle round the robe of praise!

"A little while," midst shadow and illusion,
To strive by faith love's mysteries to spell;
Then read each dark enigma's bright solution;
Then hail right's verdict, "He doeth all things well."

"A little while," the earthen pitcher taking
To wayside brooks, from far-off fountains fed,
Then the cool lip thirst for ever slaking
Beside the fulness of the Fountain-head.

"A little while" to keep the oil from failing,
"A little while" faith's flickering lamp to trim;
And then, the Bridegroom's coming footsteps
hailing,
To haste to meet Him with the bridal hymn.

And He, who is Himself the Gift and Giver,
The future Glory and the present Smile,
With the bright promise of the glad "for ever"
Will light the shadows of the "little while."
— "Sunday at Home."

ERRATUM.

In our September number, in the Review of Rev. R. Pollok's second vol. on the Apocalypse, page 135, first column, eleventh line from foot, for "article" read "author."

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

John McQueen, Nottawasaga, .. '58-9	0	5	0
Robert Forbes, Kingston,	0	5	0
Dugald McDonald, Lochiel,	'58	0	2
E. McMillan,	"	0	2
Wm. Kay, Cornwall,	'58-9	0	5
D. Sinclair, Kingston,	'59-60	0	5
D. Binson, Paspebiac,	'58	0	2
D. Ross,	"	0	2

Hon. J. Crooks, W. Hamborough, .. '56-7	0	5	0
John Smeaton, Queenston,	'58	0	2
Rev. G. Bell, Clifton,	'58-9	0	5
James Bell,	'58	0	2
V. Black, Chippawa,	"	0	2
Rev. A. Kennedy, London,	"	0	2
W. Ferguson, Kingston,	'56-7-8	0	7
A. Livingstone,	'58	0	2
John Fraser,	'58-9	0	5
Joseph Bruce,	'57-8-9	0	7
J. Creighton,	'57-8	0	5
Miss Fisher,	'58	0	2
G. Davidson,	"	0	2
W. Leslie,	'56-7-8	0	7
J. Duff,	'58	0	2
A. Bagg,	"	0	2
Rev. A. Walker, Belleville, .. '56-7-8	0	15	0
Allan Cleghorn, Brantford,	'58	0	2
J. Sutherland,	"	0	2
T. B. McLean,	"	0	2
George Smith,	"	0	2
Duncan McKay,	"	0	2
Wm. Green,	"	0	2
Rev. D. Stott,	"	0	2
Wm. Smith,	"	0	2
A. Haliday, Cobourg, .. '52-3-4-5-6-7-8	0	17	6
C. Dawson,	'56-7-8	0	7
J. Morrison,	"	0	7
A. McBean,	"	0	7
W. Brown, Jr.,	"	0	7
Wm. Hamilton, Uxbridge,	'58	0	2
Jos. Bascorn,	'58-9	0	5
H. B. Robertson, Chatham, C. W., '58	0	2	6
James Steel, Inverness,	0	5	0
Advertisement,	0	5	0
J. Gordon, English River,	'58	0	2
W. Laing, Whitby,	'58	0	2
J. G. Gilmor, Toronto,	'58	0	5
J. Kerr,	'55-6-7-8	0	10
J. Michie,	'56-7-8	0	7
Wm. Pyper,	'53-4-5-6-7-8	0	15
W. G. Cassels,	'56-7-8	0	7
H. Fowler,	'56-7-8	0	7
D. McDonald,	'57-8	0	5
R. McPherson,	'53-4-5-6-7-8	0	15
W. H. Dow,	'58	0	2
J. Maulson,	'56-7-8	0	7
S. B. Campbell,	'56-7-8	0	7
Mrs. Jaques,	'58	0	2
R. Hay,	'57-8	0	5
Wm. McNaughton, Harwich,	'58	0	2
J. Neilson,	'59	0	2

QUEEN'S COLLEGE—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

THE Fifth Session of the Medical Department of the University of Queen's College will commence on the First WEDNESDAY of NOVEMBER next, and terminate the end of the following April. For particulars regarding the course of Study, Fees, &c., reference is made to the "Annual Announcement," a copy of which may be had on application to

JOHN STEWART,
Secretary to the Medical Faculty.
Kingston, Sept., 1858.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE Seventeenth Session of Queen's College will begin on the first Wednesday of October (6th October), 1858, at which date all Intrants and regular Students in the Faculty of Arts are required to be present.

The Divinity Classes will be opened on the first Wednesday in November.
GEORGE WEIR, A. M., *Secretary to Senatus.*

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