

May the good work extend to every part of the Circuit.

At *Spring Hill*, nine miles from the Maccan road, we have a small congregation, and a class of twelve members. Preaching once in three weeks, on a week day.

At *River Hibbert*, some six or seven miles from the Maccan Road, we have two or three members. This place has not been often visited by Wesleyan Ministers. I preached here a few weeks ago to a very large and deeply attentive congregation. This people are evidently thirsting for the waters of life. I intend to preach here once in six weeks, on the Lord's day, and as often on a week day as possible.

At *Leicester*, some ten or twelve miles from Amherst, we have two preaching places. This settlement is visited by the superintendent once in three weeks, on a week day. Here we have forty-four in society. This place was also visited with the outpouring of the Spirit during the last year. Father Crocombe laboured on this Circuit. In this County, which includes Amherst, Wallace and Parrsboro' Circuits, we have a large body of pious, holy and devout people, who love Methodism, and are willing to conform to its rules and usages. But we want more Ministerial labour, and until it is afforded we cannot occupy the ground as we ought to do, and as we might do.

A collection is now taken up every Lord's day, where there is preaching, and a commencement made to pay Class and Ticket money.

Yours, truly, &c.,

WESLEY C. BEALS.

Amherst, August 27, 1851.

THE WESLEYAN.

Halifax, Saturday Morning, September 6, 1851.

BRITISH CONFERENCE.

(Continued.)

[ABRIDGED FROM THE LONDON WATCHMAN.]

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Aug. 6.—The question respecting *Alterations in Circuits*, the employment of additional Ministers, or the reduction of their number in some places, was again brought under consideration. Some of the proposals made were at once adopted—others modified—some declined—and one or two referred to Committees.

THURSDAY, Aug. 7.—The inquiry, relative to *Alteration in Circuits*, was resumed, and further arrangements made. Several proposed alterations were referred to a large Committee, appointed for the general consideration of Methodist Affairs in Scotland.

Dr. Bunting said, he had received from his old and valued friend, James Fildes, Esq., of Manchester, a donation of £20, to be divided among the Connexional Funds as he thought proper.—In connection with the SPECIAL FUND FOR PERSECUTED MINISTERS and Injured Circuits, Dr. Bunting suggested, whether it might not be continued, in accordance with the wishes of some kind friends, and made permanently available, not only for the help of agitated Circuits at present, but for the support and extension of the work in future. Mr. Scott concurred in the suggestion. The further consideration of the question was postponed. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Fildes for his donation was adopted.

The thanks also of the Conference was cordially voted to John Hartley, Esq., of Wolverhampton, for a liberal donation of £100, sent to the Ex-President, to be divided among dissent Funds.

Mr. Rule was formally appointed *Co-Editor*, with Mr. Thornton.

Mr. Osborn and Mr. Arthur were appointed to the *Missionary Secretariat*, to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Bunting and Dr. Alder.

Mr. Scott was appointed Principal of the *Normal Training Institution*, Dr. Alder observing, that he knew no man so fit for the office, and who had done so much to promote the success of the undertaking.

FRIDAY, Aug. 8.—The Report of the AUXILIARY FUND was brought up, from which it appeared, that there was a deficiency upon the last year, as compared with the year preceding, of about £1000, which, added to a former debt, left the Treasurer considerably in advance. Various plans were proposed for liquidating the debt, and preventing a recurrence of it. Among other things, it was resolved, that a deduction should be made from the amount of the several claims of claimants for the current year, of one-sixth part in the case of Supernumerary Ministers, and of one guinea in the case of each widow—such deduction to be made on the half-yearly

payments due at this Conference, and in February next.

On motion it was resolved, that the Ex-President should be requested to publish his ORDINATION CHARGE. Dr. Beecham said he would prepare it for the Magazine.

The COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES was re-appointed, and two vacancies, which had occurred during the year, were supplied. *Inter alia*, it was resolved to refer to a Committee the Resolutions of the Committee of Privileges on the Papal Aggression, in order to their formal adoption by the Conference; and a decisive declaration, on its part, of the views entertained by the Connection on this deeply interesting question.

Papers containing the Resolutions of the PROTESTANT ALLIANCE were circulated among the Ministers present, who were strongly recommended to give this Body their influence and support.

On motion, the Rev. Samuel Jackson was re-appointed the GOVERNOR of the Richmond Branch of the Theological Institution, and the Rev. John Farrar, *Classical Tutor*.

Mr. Mason brought in the Report of the BOOK ROOM, from which it appeared, that the efforts of the enemies of Methodism to injure it have been unsuccessful.

MONDAY, Aug. 11.—The President laid before the Conference fifty CIRCUIT MEMORIALS, containing 598 signatures, and 160 Communications from individuals, carefully arranged, and classified, and nominated a large Committee to take them into consideration.

A second communication was read from the Secretaries of the "Delegates," proposing to refer the matters in dispute with the Conference to some third party. An answer, declining the proposal, as inconsistent both with ministerial responsibility and legal obligations of the Conference, was unanimously adopted. Dr. Beaumont observed—"I beg to say, that I quite agree with that answer."

An interesting meeting was held in the evening, in Sans Street Chapel, Sunderland, for the RECOGNITION OF RETURNED MISSIONARIES. The Rev. George Marsden was appointed to preside; Dr. Alder, Dr. Richey, and Mr. Newstead accompanied him and took part in the proceedings. The Missionaries thus publicly recognized as Members of the Conference, were Mr. John Thomas, Mr. R. D. Griffith, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Fidler, Mr. Hurd, and Mr. Biggs.

TUESDAY, Aug. 12.—The second reading of the *Stations* was completed. The Chairmen of Districts were elected, and the Financial Secretaries appointed.

A Letter from Thomas Bagnall, Esq., of Great Barr, near Birmingham, was read to the Conference, including a donation of £100, to be applied in aid of such funds as the President might appoint, and expressing his deep sympathy with the Ministers of the Connexion in their trials and persecutions. A vote of thanks was cordially and unanimously passed to Mr. Bagnall.

Mr. Waugh, from Ireland, by instructions from the Irish Conference, solicited temporary supplies of ministerial help, from among the young men, for Ireland. Dr. Bunting said, he could not see on what Christian principle they could refuse such a request. It would not do to set up conventional arrangements, and thereby run the risk of starving the work of God. Mr. Waugh's application was agreed to.

Several Brethren expressed their satisfaction with the statement made by the Secretary, that, after all the efforts which had been made by adverse parties, to withhold supplies from Ministers, and to reduce the number appointed to Circuits, there should be found comparatively so few Young Men, now ready for the work, waiting for employment.

The PRESIDENT of the Conference was appointed to preside at the next meeting of the Irish Conference, and the Ex-President (Dr. Beecham) and Dr. Newton were requested to accompany him.

The PRESIDENT and the Rev. F. A. West were appointed to visit Scotland, at the usual time, and to make particular inquiries into the state of the work in that country.

The PRESIDENT and Dr. Newton were appointed to attend the next Annual meeting of the North Wales District Committee; Mr. Young was deputed to attend a similar meeting in South Wales, and Mr. Haswell to visit the Shetland Islands.

The Rev. Enoch Wood was appointed President of the next Canadian Conference, and Dr. Richey, Co-Delegate.

Prospective Stations.

[FROM THE LONDON WATCHMAN.]

THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN DISTRICT.

Halifax, Matthew Richey, D. D., John M. Murray; William Bennett, William Crocombe, Supernumeraries.
Halifax County, Alexander W. McLeod, D. D., Frederick W. Moore.
Lunenburg, Richard Weddall.
Liverpool and Mill's Village, Roland Morton, One Wanted.
Shelburne, James Armstrong, 2nd.
Barrington, Jeremiah V. Jost.
Yarmouth, William Wilson, 1st; Richard Williams, Supernumerary.
Horton and Cornwallis, Frederick Smallwood.
George W. Tuttle.
Windsor, Henry Pope, 1st, John Marshall, Supernumerary.
Newport and Maitland, Thomas H. Davies, Henry Pope, 2nd.

BERMUDA.

Hamilton, &c., John B. Brownell, George Douglas, 2nd, Assistant Missionary; James Horne, Supernumerary.
M. Richey, D. D., Chairman of the District and General Superintendent.

NOVA SCOTIA EAST AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT.

Charlottetown, Ephraim Evans, James Narraway; John B. Strong, supernumerary.
Truro and River John, George O. Heustis.
Amherst and Maccan, Wesley C. Beals.
Parrsborough, Thomas Gaetz.
Wallace, Richard Smith.
River Philip, One Wanted.
Guysborough and Canso, William M. Carty, Joseph Herbert Starr.
Sydney, Cape Breton, Robert E. Crane.
Ship Harbour, One Wanted.
Pownal, Alexander B. Bland.
N. B.—The Pownal Preacher is placed under the direction of the Charlottetown Superintendent.

Bedeque and Tyron, James Buckley.
Ephraim Evans, Chairman of the District and General Superintendent.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

St. John, South, (German-street, &c.), James G. Hennigar, John Allison, One Wanted.
St. John, North, (Portland,) William Smith, 2nd.
St. John, West, (Carlton) William T. Cardy, One Wanted.
Fredericton, Charles Churchill.
Nashua, One Wanted.
Sheffield, William Smithson.
Mill Town, Robert Cooney, A. M.
St. Stephen's, &c., Ingham Sutcliffe.
St. Andrew's, William Temple.
Sackville, Richard Knight.
Point-de-Bute, George Johnson.
Petitcodiac, William Allen, 2nd.
Hopewell, Robert A. Chesley.
Sussex Vale, Richard Shepherd.
Woodstock, &c., Arthur M. Nutt, John G. Manly.
Annapolis, George M. Barrett.
Bridgetown, Michael Pickles.
Aylesford, Christopher Lockhart.
Digby, &c., George Miller, James Taylor, 2d.
Miramichi, Joseph F. Bent.
Richibucto, R. Alder Temple.
Bathurst, John Prince.
Dalhousie, &c., One earnestly requested.
Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, Westmoreland, Humphrey Pickard, A. M., Principal; Albert Desbrisay, Supernumerary, Chaplain.
N. B.—Henry Daniel is returning home.
Richard Knight, Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

St. John's, Edmund Botterell, John S. Addy.
Harbour-Grace, Samuel W. Sprague.
Carbonear, W. Angwin.
Black Head, James Norris.
Perlican, Adam Nightingale.
Island Cove, One Wanted.
Port-de-Grave, Thomas H. Smith.
Brigus, William E. Shenstone.
Trinity Bay, Vacant for the present.
Green Bay, John Brewster.
Burin, John S. Peach.
Grand Bank, Elias Brettell.
Hant's Harbour, William P. Wells.
Hermitage Cove, One wanted.
N. B.—John Snowball is to proceed to the New Brunswick District in the spring.
Edmund Botterell, Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent.

Flippancy Rebuked.

To the would-be pungent, but really pointless, remarks of *The Christian Visitor*, respecting our article on the MICMAC MISSION, we reply, that his arrant sectarian spirit will but little serve the spiritual benefit of our aborigines. He does not "question the propriety of dispensing with the aid of those who would turn their back upon the poor Indian rather than he should know the mind of Christ, the most eminent scholars of all denominations, Wesleyans among the rest, being

judges." That is, he assumes that the word *baptizo*, when applied to the ordinances of baptism, means *immersion exclusively*, and affirms this meaning alone expresses the "mind of Christ," and to justify this constrained sense, he brings in as witnesses, or "judges," "the most eminent scholars of all denominations, Wesleyans among the rest." Will the *Christian Visitor* favour us with something more than his mere dictum for this assertion, or rather insinuation? Take the *Visitor* for an infallible expositor of "the mind of Christ," and he would decide this vexed question summarily indeed! It is not true, that those evangelical denominations, who do not see eye to eye with our Baptist brethren on this controverted point, "would turn their back upon the poor Indian rather than he should know the mind of Christ." They are undeserving of this unmerited censure. They have proved their interest in the spiritual welfare of the "poor Indian" quite as much, we suppose, as the man who can thus write so thoughtlessly of their christian principles. No—the Editor of *The Christian Visitor*, and persons of his stamp, would judge from the tone of their writings, would rather the Word of God should not be given to the Micmac in his own dialect, than that the word *baptizo* should not be rendered by a word signifying *immersion*. They are welcome to such a sectarian spirit if they think proper to indulge in it—but they cannot expect others who are as conscientious in their views as they, to encourage and support it.

Worthy of the *Christian Visitor* is the following liberal sentiment: "If this," the translating the word *baptizo* by a word signifying *immersion* only, "makes a sectarian Bible, the fault is not in the translator, but the discrepancy"—there is then it appears a discrepancy—"arises from the fact that counsel was not sought in making the original revelation from those of a mind with the Wesleyan." This is mere verbiage—pure assumption. The "original revelation"—is of course just what the *Visitor* takes on himself *ex cathedra* to decide it to be! "Counsel was not sought from those of a mind with *The Wesleyan*"—and what is more, "counsel was not sought from those of a mind with *The Christian Visitor*"—though from his dogmatism, one might suppose, that he really thought he was in the council of the Almighty ere the "original revelation" was given. A little more modesty in the said Editor would not be amiss; and a little more charity too, as he charges us unjustly with seeking "to throw obloquy upon revelation by such epithets as sectarian, because it will not give uncertain sounds, and be so ambiguous as to suit any party and all parties." To seek to throw obloquy upon Revelation—"we repel the crimination—and tell the *Christian Visitor*, that the result of such an allegation can only be "to throw obloquy" upon himself. The sooner he gets rid of such an acrimonious spirit the better will it be for his own peace of mind, and the less will he embroil himself with disputes of his own raising.

John B. Gough in Worcester.

The *Massachusetts Cataract* contains a series of eulogistic Resolutions respecting the labours of John B. Gough in that city. He drew crowded houses, and the lectures produced a very favourable impression on the minds of the numerous auditory. Wherever Mr. Gough raises his voice against King Alcohol, and eloquently pleads in favour of total abstinence, the only counteracting principle to the debasing and imbruting habit of intoxication, great effects have followed; and we rejoice to know that his sincere and zealous efforts are duly appreciated by the moral and respectable portions of the various communities in which he has delivered his soul-stirring Lectures. May God speed him in his course of philanthropy!

Conversions from Romanism.

After alluding to various obstacles thrown at the beck of the priest-party by the Austrian Government in the way of persons in Hungary renouncing the communion of Rome, a Correspondent of the *New York Observer* says:—

"Despite of these obstacles, conversions of papists increase in Hungary, and one cause of this religious movement is the strict alliance formed between the Romish clergy and the government of Vienna. The Jesuits and Bishops act as very tyrants; they are intriguing, and act as spies for the advantage of abolition. Hence many Hungarians, fearing to fall completely un-