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THE SWEET BY AND BYE.

In the manifold mansions of heaven There's a home for the holy; for me If I wash in His blood who was given As a ransom to die on the Tree.

There no winter shall wither our joys, And no harps on the willows are hung; For the presence of God is our Sun, And all shall be summer and song.

Then let music or mourning be mine; Cold reproach or a fleeting renown; Since resplendent in lustre divine, Are the robe and the palm, and the crown.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. DEAR MR. EDITOR,-A very large Conference of Missionary delegates have recently been gathered into a Conference, and it may be, that a brief reference to this event will be of interest to many of your readers. The invitation was issued by the secretaries of the four great Missionary associations, viz.-the Church Missionary, the London (Congregational,) the Baptist, and the Wesleyan. About 600 delegates accepted the invitation, and included representatives of a very large number of evangelistic agencies working both at home and abroad for the conversion of the world to Christ. The sessions of this unique Conference occupied the greater part of a week, and were all of great interest. Reports were presented of the state of the work, the difficulties

is the sum required, and it has been determined to attempt the formation of such a fund. The officers were all appointed and plans were devised by which the appeal will be made to our people. S. B. D. Its name is THE WESLEYAN METHODIST THANKSGIV-ING FUND.

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It is a grand undertaking and the realization of it will be a glorious thing for Methodism Not a few are very sanguine of its success, and others are rather sceptical on account of the terrible depresssion of business and badness of the times.

THE AGRICULTURAL INTEREST

is represented as being in a state of great depression. The farmer's complaint is loud and grievous. Corn is pouring in from foreign countries, and it does not pay to grow it at home. Their remedy is to reduce the wages of the men by whom their fields were tilled. Except in a very few instances, is there any disposition on the part of landlords to lower the rent. The laborers are preparing to resist the threatened reduction of their earnings and there is a sad probability of a strike with all its deplorable results. The time which at present confront the missionary, selected by the masters, for this moveand the agencies which are required, were ment is one of slack employment when

found that £83,000 was required to pay mon the choir sang very sweetly the existing debts, £25,000 for the erection of anthem, "Lift up your heads, on ye the Theological College at Birmingham. gates." and £120,000 more for strengthening ex-Rev. Mr. Sprague then announced

that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper would be celebrated at the else of the evening service. He also said that a meeting of the members of the church would be held in the church parlor this evening and the usual prayer meeting on Wednesday evening next and a meeting of the building coard thee and the trustees would be held in the pastor's vestry on Friday evening. Mr. Sprague also stated that the "choice of seats" would not be allotted until after Sunday next; also that the flow. Dr. Donald, Methodist missionary to Japan would preach on next Sunday evening. The congregation dispersed after the singing of the hymn on the Gard page —"Jesus shall reign whereer the sun"-and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Mr. Spragne.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

A large and fashionable gathering attended the three o'clock service at Centenary church yesterday afternoon. For some time before the beginning of the service there was not a vacant seat available; but the people continued to throng into the building. and many persons were compelled to stand throughout the services.

THE OPENING EXERCISE were conducted by the Rev. Howard

Sprague, and the address, which was intended especially for children, was spoken by the Rev. John Allison, M.A. * * * * * *

Mr. Allison referred to the collection to be taken up in aid of Sunday se

THE AFGHAN WAR.

Reslepan,

(From the Herald.) While the people of Canada are rejoicing and holding high festival over the expected arrival of our future Governor-General and his Royal Lady, our very bloody and protracted, war. Af. found in Asia, and bas a territory ed and intersected by lofty mountains -among the highest in the worldby narrow passes, the invading army will be beset with dangers of no com-

mon character, and will undoubtedly have fighting to do, worthy of British prowess. The stren th and disposition of the invading army will, in all probability, become matters of serious import within the next few weeks. The following, taken from an exchange, gives a very clear statement of our forces already operating against the armies of Shere Al1:

The present expeditionary force against Afghanistan will consist of about 35,000 men, exclusive of auxiliary troops from the native states, and exclusive also of a reserve force, which is being collected at which will operate on independent lines of communication, although in conformity a grand opportunity for Christian work with a common plan. The Peshawur Valley army, which has that town for its country than the present in Kofu. We base and which has the most arduous have stationed there one of our ablest nawork to perform, consists of 16.000 men with 66 guns. The Koorum Valley column has 6.000 men with 24 guns; and the Questa column 15,000 men with 60 guns. The proportion of artillery, it will be observed, is very large. The Peshawur Valley column will consist of two divisions. and will be under the general command which the active operations will be en- | place.

the smallest of the three, will necessarily be compelled to take a subsidiary and subordinate part in the active preparations of the campain, but it is strong enough to strike a decisive blow should the opportunity offer. Having Kohat as its immediate base it will advance up the Koorum Valley, by which it will be able to turn fellow subjects in India are engaged in north and in five or six marches, after dea very important, and it may prove a bouching, reach either Cabul or Chuznee. Its great difficulty will be to preserve its communication until it effects a junction ghanistan is peopled by 6,000,000 of as with one or other of the two stronger bardy and brave a people as can be columns. If pressed, however, either by the enemy or by want of supplies, it will be able to entrench itself and assuming spleadidly adapted for defence. Bound- an offensive defensive attitude, stand ready to strike in, should opportunity ffer. Even if it never exchanged shots with the Ameer's army it will nevertheacross which there is no passage, except less render good service by drawing off a considerable b dy of troops to watch and keep it in check.

FROM THE MISSION ROOMS.

JAPAN:

The chairman bears gratifying testimony to the fidelity and the usefulness of the native ministers appointed to take charge of Shidzuoka and Numadza, the former left vacant by Dr. McDonald's temporary absence, and the latter because of the Rev. G. M. Meacham's removal to Tokio. Bro. Cochran writes from Tokio :--

"I spent a few weeks in the country during the summer, going first to Kofu, where Bro. Eby is. He is tolerably Madras and Bombay. The army of inva-sion is really divided into three armies, in sumptuous quarters. But he has had I know of no better opening in all this

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in turn presented and discussed. The programme was arranged to bring fairly before the Conference all the great fields of labor, and the speakers were specially widens day by day. selected for their practical knowledge of

the countries to which attention was being directed. Papers of great value were read, and in the remarks which followed, much valuable information was elicited. The great difficulty was want of time, so vast are the undertakings of the Church of Christ, and the consecrated workers so numerous. The full report of this Conference will soon appear in a goodly volume, and will form a valuable compendium of information for all who are concerned in this great work. The American churches were ably represented by some of their prominent men, and by some who have been for long years in the arduous service in the very front of the battle. The Continental Protestant churches, sent men to speak of what they are doing. It was cheering to hear what great things the Lord is working, and also to find so many churches thorougly alive to the claims of missions, and so devotedly engaged in the discharge of their duty.

THE CITY ROAD SCHAPEL

has had to contend through all its history, although so rich in spiritual blessings to Methodism, with heavy financial burdens and debt. These were in part relieved a few years ago when the freehold of the grand old sanctuary was purchased, and it was secured as the heritage of our people for all time. But yet there was enough of debt left to be a trouble, and it was resolved to have another effort in connection with its centenary. This has been done, and several excellent services have been held. Honored men from other churches preached sermons, and at the final meeting enough had been received to meet every demand, and the long standing obligations are all cleared off. This is a cause for thankfulness, for it has not been to our credit to allow a chapel so intimately connected with our history, and the resting place of so many of our saint ed dead; to be endangered or even burdened with debt.

METHODIST FINANCE

has not of late, been in acything like easy circumstances, but with scarcely an exception, every Fund is in debt and unless effectual relief is speedily secured those debts will soon swell up to an appalling amount. This question engaged the earnest attention of the recent Conference, and a large committee was named to meet as soon after Conference as might be convenient. To these the Districts were requested to add two each; a minister and a layman ; and the President invited many more. About 200 were thus convened and sat in deliberation three days. It was

men are more at their mercy than in the busy days of harvest. It is yet hoped that a strike may be averted, but there is much contention, and the controversy

> THE PROBABILITY OF WAR has strengthened within the last few days. The Indian authorities, under compulsion it is said, of the Home Government have sent an ultimatum, and it will require some little time to elapse before his answer can be received. He is reported to to be insolent and defiant. The situation is one of great difficulty and England appears compelled to go on with the business until the unruly and turbulent ruler of Afghanistan makes some sort of submission. Great blame is attached to the intermeddling and plotting which have brought about this crisis, but now it is come England cannot recede.

THE METHODIST BIBLE AND PRAYER

UNION

now numbers about three thousand members, resident in all quarters of the globe. It issues lists of passages from scripture for meditation and prayer, and subjects for special intercession at times arranged. The movement has met with much success, and the results are believed to have been fruitful of Divine answer to prayer, and rich grace descending upon its mem-" B."

bers. Nov. 12, 1878.

OPENING OF THE CENTENARY. CHURCH, ST. JOHN, N.B.

Condensed from the Telegraph of Nov. 18.)

For the first time public worship was. resterday, held in the newly-erected school-room of the Centenary Church. At each service the church was thronged, and many stood during the whole of the services.

MORNING SERVICE.

At a quarter to eleven yesterday morning the school room was well filled, and before the hour of commencing the service chairs had to be placed in the aisles and all available places. on account of the numbers arriving.

THE OPENING EXERCISES. The service began by the singing of the 505th hymn, and then the Rev. J. R. Narraway offered up an earnest prayer for the divine blessing upon the new church and its congregation, and others present. The choir then sang the anthem, "What a lovely city is Zion." Rev. Dr. Pope then read several passages of scripture, as follows : 2d Chronicles, vi, 12, to end ; Psalms exxii, and Ephesians iv. The Rev. Joseph Hart, president of the Metho dist Conference then delivered a sermon, taking as his text Psalms, exxii, "For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say peace be within thee," etc.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hart's ser- therein?

and said he would contribute a silver dollar—one which had been soe means of converting a young man. The don-er loved that dollar; he had car ied it in his perket for more that a rear, but he could not keep it. He next narrated an incident of a sermon delivered by Dr. Addy, the text of which was given by one of the hearers as being | "Where two or three Methodists are gathered together, there will be a collection."

Mr. Sprague announced that the work of re-organizing the Sunday School would be gone into next Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Chappel closed the service with pronouncing the benediction. EVENING SERVICE.

Fully two hundred people were turned away from the church last evening, being unable to gain admittance. The opening services began by singing of the 564th hymn, begining "In-

finite God, to Thee we raise," Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of St. Andrew's Church, then offered up prayer, and this was followed by his reading a passage of Scripture from the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

At the close of the sermon Rev. Mr. Sprague made announcements similar to those at the morning service. The singing of the 698th hvmn-" From all that dwell beneath the skies,"-and the benediction brought the exercises to a close.

At the close the sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated.

We will try to find space for the sermon by Mr. Hart and the address of Mr. Allison shortly.]

A word for your children : Protect them against the corrupting literature that floods the country. From New York city alone half a million of such publications are issued weekly. They penetrate everywhere. They may be found in some of our towns and villages, and even in our boarding-schools. There has been no little mischief following certain vile publications which issue from the press in our quiet provincial cities. No quarantine has been or can be established except by strict parental vigilance. Let that vigilance be exercised as you value the salvation temporal and eternal, of your child.

What is the pastor to do with the backslidden or irreligious members of his charge? Drive them out of the church? "Drop" them. Nay, nay. That is to be the last re-He is to bring all the resources of his sort. sacred office into play to save these erring ones. Argument, sympathy persuasion, prayer, are to be used with the wisdom that cometh from above. These rarely fail to bring the wanderer back to the path of duty. Expulsion or "dropping" is a shorter method but it is not the Master's.

The world is tolerant of sin anywhere but in a Christian. A bristian should be more intolerant of sin in himself than anywhere else. Indeed, sin in a saint takes on a da ker hue of guilt from the contradiction which it gives to the pio ession of him who commits it. "How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer

trusted, is under the command of Sir S. Browne, one of the most distinguished officers in the service, and who is thoroughly familiar with the ground which his army has to traverse. The second division will be under the command of Ge neral Mande, another very distinguished officer, and with his division, which is to be held in reserve, is a contingent of probably be employed in garrison duty at Peshawur. To General Browne's division will be given the arduous task of forcing the Khyber Pass, which is naturally extremely formidable, and which has been greatly strengthened by art. As Pollock forced it with less than 8,000 men in 1842, it is not thought that it should greatly delay General Browne, should it be con. sidered preper to make the attempt this year. Of course the forcing of this pass will be merely a prelude to other operations almost equally arduous, which cannot well be undertaken until next spring, but, in a general way, it may be said that the Division under General Browne, after forcing the Khyber Pass, will advance directly to Cabul, the capital and seat of

the Ameer's power. The Quetta column, which is under the command of General Donald Stewart, will advance from that place which may be termed the further end of the British base, and will be supported by a reserve which is being made up at Madras and Bombay, under the command of General Primrose. The Quetta column will regulate its movements by those of General Browne's Division. It will be exceedingly strong in cavalry, owing to the nature of the country which it has to traverse. The time be dispensed with. It is cause of Quetta column will begin its operations by an advance on Candahar by way of the Bholon Pass. Candahar is not expected to make a very stout resistance, although it will no doubt be defended. Once in tunities of acquiring a knowledge of the possession of Candabar, the Quetta column will occupy a most important strategical ley from both Southern Afgbanistan and ple and by the trustees, of whom he thus Herat. From Candabar the Quetta force speaks :--

may either advance upon Ghuznee and Cabul, to co-operate directly with the Peshwahur column, or content itself with giving a hand to the Koorum Valley col umn and assisting it to capture Ghuznee. Some of the Indian correspondents report that the ultimate destination of this col-Candahar; hut military men of experience hope of a home in a better place. regard it as too weak for that service. To

occupy Herat they say, would require at least 20,000 men to operate in southern and western Afghanistan. A junction with the Koorum Valley column would bring the Quetta force neatly up to that figure, but that column will probably be employed in active operations in another lucetions in another direction. The only the unstance which gives color to the idea heavy a reserve being gathered for the can yet be obtained. "God moves in a Quetta column at Madras and Bombay. I mysterious way.'

have stationed there one of our ablest native helpers and one of our students, so that Bro. Eby has excellent assistance ; and I have no doubt that the Lord will give him a fine barvest and a speedy one in Kofu. On my way home I spent a Sunday in Shidzuoka and one in Numadof Sir F. Haines. The first division, to za holding the quarterly meeting at each

"After the departure of the foreign missionaries the church in both places suffered some depression. But the native assistants were faithful. and the best instructed of their members rallied to their aid; and now the cause is looking up in a most encouraging way. They seem to troops from the Sikh States, which will feel their responsibility, and to have acquired self-reliance by being thrown upon their own resources. I have no doubt the churches of Shidzuoka and Numadzu will live and do well. Bros. Yamanaka and Sugiyama, in charge of these stations, are proving themselves excellent workmen and good pastors. Bro. Hosoi, who has an excellent reputation in Numadzu and Tokio, is at present, I am sorry to say, seriously ill. I trust the Lord will raise him up speedily.

" Last Sunday we held our quarterly meeting in Tokio, and though the rain came down in torrents, a goodly number assembled, and ten were added to us by baptism on profession of faith."

With reference to Bro. Machan's re moval, this became a necessity by the work in the interior engaging Mr. Eby's energies; but independent of this, some financial irregularity on the part of the Japanese who had the management of th school rendered it imperative that the services of a "foreigner" should for a thankfulness that the residence and ministry of Bro. M. there have resulted in spiritual fruitfulness; whilst his opporlanguage have been advantages His removal is very much regretted by the pee

"When the school trustees bade me. good by ,' they expressed their deep regrets that they were unable to keep. me through eternity! which was of course very kind ; but as much as I like Numadzu. I could not accept of a situation there umn is Herat, which is 400 miles from for such a period, cherisbing as I do, a

> Painful intelligence from Winnipeg has been received at the Mission Rooms announcing the death by acciden: of Mr. W. Skinner, who was proceeding to Morley. North West Territory, for the purpose of devoting himself for life to the dian work. Though we have ecquired of Mr. German if he could furnish any details, nothing, but the bare statement

