

THE COVENANT RENEWED.

Last Sunday week, in Europe, America, Asia, Africa and Oceania, very many hundreds of thousands of Methodists, as is their custom on the first Sabbath of a new year, renewed their covenant with God.

Standing on the threshold of a new year, and striving in vain to peer into the secrets of the future, one cannot but be impressed with a humiliating and saddening sense of his blindness, ignorance, incapacity and nothingness.

What a sense of helplessness comes over one when one realizes his own utter inability so much as even to conjecture what may befall him during the twelve months ensuing.

In this state of feeling, how proper to remember the years of the right hand of the Most High. That all-glorious Being inhabits eternity. Nothing is hidden from his gaze.

And, O, joy to think of it. He is our Father in Heaven. His hand fashioned our bodies, and from the depths of His being ours sprang.

It is to be hoped that the recent general and public renewal of their covenant with God by our co-religionists throughout the world was hearty, and earnestly and most prayerfully entered into.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Christmas celebrations.—The coming in of the New Year.—The Correspondent's intention.—Educational work in Methodism.—The coming session.—Home prospects.

and the sky almost incessantly weeping down its tears upon the well-sodden earth. It has been no time for outdoor pastimes or travelling, but despite all these drawbacks we have kept the joyous festivity and thoroughly enjoyed it.

This letter is written during the earlier hours of the first day of the new year. The solemn and tender associations of the watch-night services yet linger around the heart, and the echoes of our hymns of sounding praise yet fall upon the ear.

DEAR EDITOR,—On the first Sabbath of this year, a new scheme of Circuit Finance was launched, which promises to be one of the greatest pecuniary advantages to this old and honored portion of our Zion.

The Educational Department of Methodism is being actively and bravely urged forward. Provision is being made for training an increased number of Teachers. The Female Training College at Battersea is now being opened under the Principalship of Rev. Mr. Oliver.

There is quite a lull in political matters, and in the action of the great legislatures, and the promotion of Reforms and other public movements. This arises in part from their suspension during alarming symptoms of the Prince's illness, and the abandonment of the people to the spirit of holiday making.

ORIGINAL LETTER FROM DR. ADAM CLARKE, TO THE REV. DANCAN MCGILL, LATE OF ST. STEPHEN'S, N. B.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—Your letter I received and read with great pleasure, and rejoice in what God has wrought in you and in seeking the fulness of the Blessing of the Gospel of Peace.

Wednesday evening I preached, after which we held a prayer meeting. Great good was the result. There were eight persons in deep distress for the salvation of their souls.

MISCELLANEOUS. WESLEYAN METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL, FREDERICTON.

The annual Festival in connection with the above School took place on Wednesday evening last. In addition to the large number of children, many members of the Church and Congregation were present.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON have purchased the Studio Building, paying \$915,000. Mr. Cyrus Wakefield has secured \$85,000, and its value being \$900,000.

CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.—The Ottawa Citizen has received information which it states, establishes the fact that the surveys will disclose a line of country most favorable for the construction of the railway.

THE BLIND ASYLUM.—The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Blind Asylum of this city, was held on the 14th inst.

ABSTRACT OF THE SHIPPING OF YARMOUTH: 2 Steamers, 424 tons, 22 Ships, 22,883, 92 Barks, 54,865, 8 Brigs, 2,322, 23 Brigantines, 3,380, 100 Schooners, 4,808.

General Intelligence. The health of the Prince of Wales continues to improve. British Sovereignty has been proclaimed over that portion of African territory recently annexed to the colonial possessions of Great Britain.

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