

ted, reported that they had agreed to the recommendation passed in the course of the year by the London Book Committee,—that the Rev. George Cubitt, who for the last six years had been Assistant Editor, should now, in consequence of Mr. Jackson's removal to another office, be appointed Editor; and that the Rev. John S. Stamp, (of Hull,) should be Assistant Editor.

In the course of this sitting it was unanimously resolved that the Ex-President, the Rev. James Dixon, should be requested to publish the excellent and impressive Charge that he had addressed, the previous evening, to the newly-ordained ministers. The Rev. Bishop Soule was likewise unanimously requested to publish the Sermon preached by him in City-road Chapel.

Before the Conference proceeded to their usual business this morning, the ministers assembled together at City-road Chapel, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of uniting together in receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The usual liturgical service was read by the President; by whom, likewise, assisted by the Rev. Robert Newton, the Secretary,—the Rev. Bishop Soule,—the Rev. Richard Reece, and the Rev. George Marsden,—the Sacrament was administered to the members of the Conference. These are seasons which they who witness them, and join in them, will not easily forget. It is at any time an impressive sight to see a Christian congregation assembled to receive the sacred emblems, and memorials of the dying love of their Saviour and Lord; but still more impressive to behold a large number of Christian ministers, all preaching the same doctrine, and observing the same discipline, "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and united by a fraternal knowledge and affection which their Annual Conference greatly tend to increase and strengthen, gathered together on so solemn an occasion. Such a body, it may easily be conceived, will be not only one in profession, but one in heart.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6.

During the former part of the day, the STATIONING COMMITTEE met, for the purpose of revising the plan of Stations which, in their first meetings, they had drawn up, and which, when revised, was to be brought into the Conference for final consideration and adoption. The Conference, therefore, did not assemble till two o'clock in the afternoon, when the whole Plan of Stations was read by the Secretary, no remarks being made on any separate appointments. The first reading of the Stations being concluded, the conference adjourned.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 AND 9.

On Monday, the Conference commenced sitting in the evening at six, in addition to the usual session from seven o'clock to three. In the morning after some Committee Reports had been received, and the matter arising from them decided, the second reading of Stations commenced. This occupied the morning and evening sittings on Monday, as well as on Tuesday—in addition to the cases arising out of the Reports of Committees on the different matters given them in charge.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10.—SATURDAY, 13th.

After the Examination of the Junior Ministers, as preparatory to their Ordination on Wednesday evening, the Conference proceeded in its regular routine of business. The "Stations," as they were read in the usual order, led to many incidental questions which called for settlement. The Reports of the different Committees, likewise, to whom, in the intervals, between successive Conferences, is intrusted the management of the institutions of the Connexion, were presented and considered, and such Resolutions taken upon them as were judged proper. In this manner, the Reports of the General Missionary Committee, the Committee of Management of the Theological Institution, &c., &c., were presented and received. But nothing occurred during this part of the usual business of the Conference, furnishing any matter for particular notice. Perhaps the principal feature of the recently-concluded Conference, may be said to be its peaceful uniformity. The usual business had to be transacted, and scarcely any circumstance occurred to interfere with the accustomed proceedings. To one circumstance, occurring in the first week of Conference, the introduction of Dr. Steinkopf, and the Rev. Mr. Sydow, from Potsdam, in Prussia, we

have already referred, and to the pleasing character of their respective addresses. A somewhat similar occurrence took place during the last week of the Conference. A letter was received from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in pursuance of a Resolution of the last General Assembly, that they would open, and keep up, a friendly intercourse and correspondence with other branches of the Christian Church; thus seeking both to manifest and strengthen that true scriptural affection which respects not from Christian brotherhood those who "hold the head, which is Christ." The Conference received this Communication with much pleasure, as well as with thankfulness to "the God of peace," who, in this day of eager controversy, when they who profess and call themselves Christians, seem almost to have fallen into the habit of distance and reserve, had brought about such an example of Brotherly Affection. A Committee was appointed to whom was entrusted the preparation of a reply to this interesting and valuable document.

On adding up the number of Members in Society in the different Circuits, it was found that, on the Mission Stations, there had been an Increase, during the past year, of 1-01, but that, in the Home Stations, the Decrease this year had been 2065. As there has been an increase this year in Ireland, (notwithstanding their losses by emigration,) of 362,—the Nett Increase of Members, under the Care of the British Conference is only 2378.

This circumstance led to some serious conversations, which, we doubt not, will, by God's blessing, produce very useful results during the ensuing year.

The Conference met for a short time on Saturday forenoon, and then adjourned to the evening, for the purpose of giving the Secretary, and Sub-Secretaries, together with the Journal Secretary, the opportunity of having their various documents all ready for the Signature of the President and Secretary in the presence of the Conference. These were affixed between seven and eight.

Dr. HANNAH then briefly and affectionately addressed the Conference; and afterwards called on the Rev. Richard Reece, and the Rev. Thomas Jackson to engage in prayer. When they had concluded, the President pronounced the benediction, and the Conference was closed.

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NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT MEETING.

THE Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Missionaries belonging to this District, commenced on Thursday morning, May 26, in the School Room, connected with the German Street Chapel, in this City. After singing and prayer by the Brethren Bamford and Busby, the names were called, and after another year of toil and temptation, all, 25 in number, were found ready to answer, in order, to the call. The Secretary having been again re-elected, the meeting, under the direction of the Chairman, proceeded with business in the ordinary routine.

The reports of the religious state of the Societies were very encouraging, affording most satisfactory evidence that *God is still with us*. There is a net aggregate increase of 374 members, besides 326 still remaining on trial. The number reported as members of Society is 3743, and add to this the number, 326, who are on trial, and we have a total amounting to more than 4000 persons, who profess to walk in the observance of our rules, within the limits of this District. The year which closed May, 1841, was one of such unprecedented spiritual prosperity and rapid increase in many Societies, that there was some apprehension that the reports of the then future, but now past year, would require a reversed comparative order of subtraction, shewing a decrease in number of members, but such fears are now seen to have been vain.

The accounts of receipts and expenditures from the several Circuits shewed a large excess of deficiencies beyond the amount for which the Chairman is authorized to draw upon the funds of the Parent Missionary Society. How to meet this excess was a matter of serious and difficult consideration. The only way which could be discovered to meet the difficulty was, that the Preachers, in full connexion, should assume for the time being the debt of the district, or rather of the Circuits of

the District. This was to many of the Preachers an expedient distressing and embarrassing; as they are allowed by connexional usage nothing more than enough to render themselves and families respectable and comfortable in the sphere in which they are required to move, such an assumption as they were obliged to make, was neither easy nor pleasant. It is not only desirable, but absolutely necessary, that efforts, most determined and efficient, should be made on the Circuits, to save from a loss to which the Preachers are utterly unable to submit, and also to increase the regular income of the Circuits in future.

The religious services connected with the meeting were unusually interesting. A District Love Feast was held in the German Street Chapel, on the afternoon of Sabbath, the 29th May, and although our rule, relative to the admission of persons to Love Feasts, was most rigidly enforced, the house was filled, and it is almost certain that so large a company of true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ was never before convened in this Province. The assembled multitude seemed of one heart and mind; the hours passed most delightfully away; and all felt when the moment came to retire, in preparation for the more public exercises of the evening, ready to exclaim,

"And if our fellowship below
In Jesus be so sweet,
What heights of rapture shall we know
When round his throne we meet!"

On Monday evening, the 30th, a most interesting Ordination Service was held in the Centenary Chapel, St. George's street. Although the night was exceedingly unfavorable, being very stormy, yet the very large Chapel was crowded to excess. The young Brethren S. M'Masters, S. D. Rice, and H. Pickard, candidates for ordination, were requested to narrate their conversion to God and their call to the ministry, and also to give a brief account of their doctrinal views—with which request they complied in a manner which evidently very deeply interested the crowded audience. After this the Chairman, aided by the senior Brethren of the District—men who have long given demonstrative evidence that they are in the true Apostolical succession—went through with the appointed solemn service and ceremonies, formally, in the name of the Wesleyan Missionary Committee and British Conference, authorizing the young men to attend to all the duties of Wesleyan Missionaries. An admirably appropriate charge was given by the Rev. S. Busby, and a very interesting address delivered to the congregation by the Rev. S. Bamford. All the exercises of the evening tended to fix and render deep the impression that the work to which these men were, by Divine Providence, called to devote their lives, and for which they were now by the Church fully and duly commissioned, was one of great dignity and vast importance.

On Tuesday evening, there was the annual Missionary meeting of the Auxiliary Society for this District, in the German Street Chapel, and by adjournment, on Wednesday evening in the Centenary Chapel. The Chair was occupied by the Chairmen of the District. The congregations were large, respectable, and attentive; and evidently much interested in the animating addresses of the different speakers. Fears were expressed by some that owing to the pressure of the times, the amount raised by this Auxiliary would be found to be less than that of the preceding year; and these have since been ascertained to be but too well founded; for although the Missionary subscriptions on a few of the Circuits have not only been kept up to the former amount, but even made to exceed, yet the total amount, as will be seen by the forthcoming Report, is considerably less than that of the former year. This is a matter to be much regretted, but we believe that the zeal of the friends of Missions in this District is not, and will not be suffered to abate; and we hope that God, in his good providence, will enable them to continue and again increase the sum of their contributions to this good cause.

The business of the District meeting, was finished on Monday, the 6th June, after which the brethren reluctantly separated, to meet the unknown vicissitudes of the succeeding year.

W. TEMPLE, Chairman.
E. WOOD, Secretary.

Civil Intelligence.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

(From the "Canada Gazette" Extra)

Legislative Council Chamber.

Kingston, 6th September, 1842.

This day at two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Council, in the Parliament Building. The Members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, His Excellency opened the *Second Session* of the First Parliament of the Province of Canada, with the following Speech from the Throne—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The melancholy event which marked the close of the last Session, and which must still be fresh in your memory and your regrets, has imposed upon me the responsibility of maturing and carrying into effect numerous important measures, and has caused a corresponding necessity for delay in calling you together.

Since you last met, several events of interest to this Province and the British Empire have occurred, the issue of which has been mercifully directed by Providence for the security and advantage of both.

The birth of a Prince desired under God's protection, to occupy the British throne, is a source of rejoicing to Her Majesty's faithful subjects; and you will, I am sure, join with me in cordial congratulations to the Queen and Her August Consort upon this event, so conducive to their domestic happiness, and so auspicious for the nation.

You will also, I am confident, unite with one voice in thanksgiving to Almighty God, that he had been pleased to avert from our beloved Sovereign the danger to which She has been exposed by the treasonable attempt of an assassin, and by the malice of the reckless and wicked, and will you join in the prayer, that He will continue to watch over and long to preserve a life so justly dear to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects.

I rejoice that I am able to acquaint you that a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been signed on the part of Her Majesty and since ratified by the Federal Senate, by which the important questions affecting this Province and the United States have been adjusted. From this happy settlement, the ratification of which by her Majesty I hope soon to be able to announce to you, I augur the most favourable consequences to this Province, in the maintenance of peace, the restoration of confidence, and the devotion of the undivided energies of its inhabitants to the internal advancement, and the development of the vast resources of the country. These have been among Her Majesty's chief objects in the negotiation of this Treaty, and I am commanded by the Queen to state to you, that no wish is nearer to Her Majesty's heart than that under Her rule and the protection of Her Crown, all Her faithful subjects in Canada may rest in undisturbed peace, may feel themselves to be one people with their fellow Subjects in the British Islands; and may increase in wealth, prosperity and contentment, founded upon the possession and rational enjoyment of a free and essentially British Constitution.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I have unfeigned satisfaction in informing you that Her Majesty's Government have redeemed in the fullest manner the munificent promises made by their predecessors to guarantee the loan contemplated by this Province, and I shall lay you without delay the Act of the Imperial Parliament which gives effect to their intention. I have been in correspondence with Her Majesty's Government upon the mode in which the assistance thus given can be made most available to the Province, and I shall have occasion to make an important communication to you upon this subject. In the mean time I have adopted every means at my command to obviate the inconvenience of delay, and to advance the public Works, and I hope before the expiration of the present session, to be able to extend them considerably. I have directed that full information as to the operations of the past year shall be laid before you.