

often found her in tears, but whether they were occasioned by the pain or the exercises of her mind, I do not know; and at the family altar she was often bathed in tears and could not speak. She was a woman of tender feelings, and like her Master, she wept. When the Doctor advised her to have the tumour removed, she said to me that she preferred leaving it in the hands of the Lord. She well knew what she must suffer from that disease, for she had been with her two sisters who died from cancers. Prayer was made without ceasing by our scattered family, for the mitigation of her sufferings, and prayer was answered. After this she was better in health, though she could not use her left arm as before.

"Last summer she amused herself in the garden, and was cheerful and happy; but when the cold weather came the pain increased and was every day more violent, until after Christmas when she was confined to her bed, and not able to raise her head. I was almost constantly with her, and often heard her say,—'Lord Jesus help me. O my precious Saviour give me strength, be with me to the end. Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, I long to depart. My Jesus give me strength to endure to the last.' The Monday before she died she said to my sister Louisa,—'I shall not be here long,' and enquired when Thomas and my sister were coming. On Tuesday Mrs. H. called, she desired to see her, and when she came to the bedside she gave her hand, and said she was going to a better world. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, she said but little, but spoke of Jesus her precious Saviour, and Heaven her eternal home. On Saturday morning, the day she died, she sent for me before 6 o'clock, and said she would not be able to speak long. I gave her some drink, and sent for the family and for Aunt Crane. She was sensible to the last, and knew every one around her and enquired for others. Her sentences were broken and we could hardly understand the whole sentence, but she looked very happy; said once, 'I am going.—Jesus is coming.' I read part of the hymn on the 52nd page; when I read those words—'O, 'tis better to depart,' she tried to repeat the next line—'Tis better to die,' and joy was depicted in her countenance. She had the hymn read to her a few days before by the request of Mrs. Buckley in her last letter, and she loved the sweet words it contained. She calmly fell asleep between 12 and 1 o'clock, on Saturday the 8th of May." In perusing the account of the death of Mrs. Brown, how suitable are those words of Holy Writ to express desire about our own departure to the world of Spirits. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." Her funeral sermon was preached to an attentive congregation at Lower Horton Chapel, on Monday the 10th May, 1852.

THOMAS H. DAVIES.  
Lower Horton, May 29th, 1852.

THE WESLEYAN.

Halifax, Saturday Morning, June 19, 1852.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Press of business, and the absence of necessary documents, prevent us from giving this week that accurate information respecting the Nova Scotia Districts, which we deem desirable. We hope to be able to do so in our next. Important matters, touching the future organization of Methodism in the Lower Provinces, occupied the attention of the brethren; but of these, we cannot fully speak at present. The sittings of the Districts, met in this City, were concluded on Saturday last about 6 P. M.; and the most of, if not all, the brethren have repaired to their respective scenes of labour for another year, refreshed in spirit, and resolved with the help of God, to carry on with vigour aggressive war against the powers of darkness. May the present year, like the past, be signalized by the abundant out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on every section of our work, and the labours of the spiritual husbandmen be rewarded with a great ingathering of precious fruit!

We shall esteem it a favour to receive an account of the New Brunswick District Meeting for publication as early as possible, as it will be interesting to our readers in both Provinces.

The Grafton Street Church.

The opening services of the New Church, Grafton Street, were continued on Sabbath last. The Rev. C. CHURCHILL, preached an excellent sermon in the morning, from Mark viii. 36; and the Rev. W. WILSON, in the afternoon, from Psalms xciii. 5. In the evening the Rev. Dr. ROBERTS, of Baltimore, preached an admirable and most effective and affecting discourse to a densely crowded congregation, from 3rd Epis. John, 8v. So far the services held in the New Church have been most auspicious, and the Rev. Dr. EVANS, the promoter of this religious enterprise, with the TRUSTEES and those who nobly came to their assistance, have a rich reward for their "labour of love," in the cheering prospects of spiritual good which the erection and dedication of this beautiful and commodious place of worship present.

The sale of the preference of pews took place on Tuesday evening last. Not only were disposed of; the amount realized, is about \$280. Eligible pews may yet be obtained on application to the Trustees.

Sabbath School Address.

The children of the Sabbath Schools connected with the Argyle and Brunswick Street Churches, were assembled at three o'clock on the afternoon of last Sabbath, in the Brunswick Street Church. The middle pews were occupied by the children, and the side pews below, and the galleries, were filled with adults. The Rev. Dr. ROBERTS delivered one of the most interesting addresses calculated at once to arrest the attention, and permanently to impress the memory and affect the hearts, of the scholars, to which we ever listened. A heavenly influence rested on the minds of all present, and old and young felt it good to be there. Dr. ROBERTS's visit to our city, though brief, will be long held in grateful and affectionate remembrance. He has left a good impression behind him, and our people here, and elsewhere in the Provinces, would hail his presence among them again with great pleasure. Our esteemed and estimable friend and brother left our city on Monday Morning last for Baltimore via Windsor and St. John. At Windsor, on Monday evening, at a short notice, a large congregation gathered together in our Church to listen to the words of eternal life from the lips of this eminent servant of Christ. The discourse, we understand, was rich with evangelical sentiment, devotional feeling, and divineunction, and produced a gracious impression. Ere this, we hope, our brother, by the good providence of God, has reached his home and family in peace and safety.

Dr. RICHY and Dr. EVANS left town on Thursday morning last, to attend the annual meeting of the Trustees of Sackville Academy, at Sackville.

The list of Stations of our New Brunswick brethren given in our last, was copied from the *New Brunswick Reporter*. The name of the Rev. Richard Williams, Supernumerary, was omitted. It stands in connection with the *Bellevue* Circuit.

We would notify our friends that we expect, early in July, to move into our new Office in Argyle Street, one door South of the Old Methodist Chapel, where we shall be glad to receive their favours of JOB WORK, in the way of *books, tracts, Bibles, pamphlets, cards, &c.* In the same building, it is our intention to open, in August next, a BOOK-ROOM, for the sale of Wesleyan Literature, Miscellaneous Works, and Stationery, at as low prices as at any other establishment in the City. A more extended notice will be given hereafter.

Eastern Canada District.

The session commenced on Wednesday morning, May 19. The Rev. William Squire in the chair. The business of the district was transacted without any impediment. The reports from the various circuits were read, and it would appear that, amidst many difficulties and embarrassments, the societies have suffered no diminution, but neither is there any great increase. The number of communicants in Canada East is 2740, not including 243 on trial. In the Sabbath Schools, there are 2224 scholars, and 326 teachers. The income of the Auxiliary Missionary Society is £844 6s. 11d. Important discussions arose during the session respecting various proposed

changes in the relations of this district to the British Conference, and it is probable that before long some change will be made, giving greater independency, in all respects, to the Methodists of Lower Canada.

The subject of Sabbath observance was brought under discussion, and the following resolution unanimously passed:—

*Resolved*.—That this meeting is deeply impressed with the importance of urging on all our societies and congregations the duty and advantage of keeping holy the Sabbath day, and deems it expedient to preach directly on the subject of the Sabbath, and determines to take every favourable opportunity of exhorting our people to cultivate a solemn and practical regard to that divine institution; and to employ every means in their power to aid in the efforts which may be made by others to guard and promote its religious observance, and diminish the facilities to the infringement of its sanctity.

The Rev. H. Cox, who has laboured in C. E. with great zeal and success for six or seven years, has retired, with the sanction of his brethren, in order to unite with the M. E. Church of the U. S. The Rev. J. Brook is appointed a representative to the Conference of Western Canada.

STATIONS OF THE WESLEYAN MINISTERS ON THE EASTERN CANADA DISTRICT, FOR 1852 AND 1853.

- Montreal Centre*.—John Jenkins.
- West*.—William Squire.
- East*.—G. N. A. F. T. Dickson.
- Quebec*.—John Borland.
- Three Rivers*.—Charles DeWife, A. M.
- Bellevue and Westville*.—John Douglas.
- St. John's and G. Valley*.—J. C. Davidson.
- Henrieville*.—George H. Davis.
- Russellville*.—Thomas Campbell.
- Oranville and Henningford*.—James Brock, George Douglas.
- Charlevoix*.—Henry Lantou.
- St. Amable*.—Edm. and S. Ingalls.
- Dorchester*.—Hugh Montgomery.
- St. George*.—Rufus A. Phanders.
- Stamstead*.—John Tomkins.
- Coventry and Hills*.—Malcolm McDonald.
- St. Charles and Eston*.—Benjamin Slight, A. M., John Armstrong.
- St. Thomas*.—William Scott.
- Le Sa*.—Giles Doray.
- Montreal W. Circuit*.

Birmingham and Shrewsbury District.

The annual meeting of the Birmingham and Shrewsbury District Conference, was held on Tuesday, May 18th, and the following day at Madley-wood, in the chapel erected by the late Rev. John Fletcher, and now used as a school-room. The devoted friends of Methodism in the neighbourhood, had looked forward with much interest to the assembling of the brethren, and had made admirable arrangements to promote their comfort during the week. Though the number of Ministers in the District exceeds sixty, they were all suitably provided for within a comparatively short distance of the place of meeting, which is central to several large chapels and societies. The Circuit Stewards, who attended on Wednesday and Thursday from different parts of the District, also received a cordial welcome from the homes of the friends. A plan of religious services to be conducted in the spacious chapel at Madley-wood had been published, and on each evening, from Monday to Friday, the people gathered in great numbers to attend the ministrations of the Word. The preachers were the Rev. Messrs. Bedford, Macdonald, Dixon, Stephenson, and Sherwell. After the sermon on Wednesday evening, the Lord's Supper was administered, by the Chairman of the District and other brethren, to the Assembled Ministers, and to a very large number of members of the Society. Morning services, at five o'clock, were conducted by several of the younger brethren, and were well attended. To the pulpits at Lawley Bank, Madley, Horsehay, Bessely, Colbrookdale, and Dawley Green, preachers attending the District meeting were appointed. It is hoped that at all the places listed good will be the result. The proceedings of the District meeting were characterized by unbroken harmony and mutual fidelity. No case of discipline occurred, except that of Mr. Youngman, who had been suspended by a Minor District Meeting, and whose appeal against the sentence was refused on the grounds of his contumacy, and subsequent misconduct. The only case calling for the notice of the meeting was that of a Supernumerary, well known for his erratic course, and the minute adopted was to the effect that his peculiarities called for compassion, rather than for discipline. Though the

numbers in Society have been diminished by the agitation which has been carried on, a careful comparison of the Circuit-schedules showed that in several of the Circuits there has been since December, a decided reaction, and though the first flow of the returning tide of spiritual life and prosperity has been gentle, it has set in steadily, and under circumstances which give promise of a greater wave of religious blessing.—The contributions to the several funds of the Connexion have been, upon the whole, well sustained, and some of them increased, during the year. The sanction of the meeting was given to a number of applications, to be forwarded to the Chapel Building Committee, for permission to erect new chapels, and to enlarge others, now too small for the increasing wants of the people. At one place where the agitation commenced at an early period, and its promoters threatened to break up the Society, a gallery is now urgently needed, and is to be erected without any additional debt. At a late hour on Friday evening, the business of the District Meeting was brought to a conclusion. Vote of thanks were cordially passed to the Rev. James Methley, the Chairman, and the Rev. John Bedford, the Secretary, for their faithful discharge of their respective duties; to the Ministers of the Madeley Circuit for their judicious arrangements; and to the kind families who had so affectionately welcomed, and so hospitably provided for the Ministers and Stewards attending the meeting. The brethren separated with an increasing love to one another, and a strong confidence in that system of doctrine and discipline, which under the name of Methodism has conferred so many benefits upon the Church and the world.—*Watchman*.

Missions in Ireland.

A writer in the New York Observer, says that there are hundreds of missionaries among the Irish;—Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Wesleyans, Congregationalists, and Baptists. They all preach the same gospel, and employ the same machinery of Scriptural schools, Bible readers, and industrial teaching. And they cover nearly the whole of the Papish districts. The Episcopalians are the most numerous; and they have the advantage of the cooperation of the local Protestant clergy. But there is no "Christ is preached." The rising race are receiving Christian instruction, and preparing to replace the departed and declining race of ignorant, bigoted, lazy, vicious, with an intelligent, educated, Protestantized and therefore industrious and prosperous Irish peasantry.

But this work cannot go on without bitter opposition on every side. The priest from the altar declaims, rages, and curses. The platform pours forth misrepresentation and ridicule. The press deals in "enormous lying." At the very moment when Cullen, McHale, and the "Telegraph" are stirring up the alarm and indignation of foreigners at that extent to which the movement has gone, threatening the "extirpation of the Roman Catholic Church from the Irish soil," the press in England represents the whole affair as a failure, the missions as a sham, the agents as miscreants, the converts as worthless, the directors as unprincipled—all this to stop the supplies!

Decline of Popery.

The letter of the Rev. Mr. Mullen, with its candid admissions of the gradual extinction of the Roman Catholic faith, as soon as its votaries set foot on American soil, continues to create a perfect furor of both creeds. The Protestant party have had the letter reprinted and circulated through several districts, as strong presumptive evidence of the decline of Popery, and of the progress of the principles of the Reformation. The Romish clergy, from the "Lord Primate" on his throne down to the humblest curate, appear to be perfectly astounded by the revelations of the American missionary, and the whole machinery of mother church has been set in motion with a view to checking a system which has led to such disastrous results as those vouchsafed for on the competent authority of one high in the confidence of Archbishop Cullen himself.—To stay the flight across the Atlantic is the first great object of the counter-movement just now at work. As well might it be attempted to stop the tide with a pitchfork; but the trial is, nevertheless, being made, with what success time alone can tell.—*Times*.