

words—words, upon any and all such subjects. His ideas may flow in one washy and everlasting flood, and his command of language enable him to string them together like bunches of onions; and yet his paper may be a meagre and poor concern. But what is his labour, the toil of such a man who displays his "leader matter" ever so largely, to that imposed upon a judicious, well-informed Editor, who exercises his vocation with an hourly consciousness of its responsibilities and its duties, and devotes himself to the conduct of his paper with the same care and assiduity that a sensible lawyer bestows upon a suit, or a human physician upon a patient—without regard to show or display?

Indeed, the mere writing part or editing a paper is but a small portion of the work. The industry, even, is not shown there. The care, the taste, the time employed in selecting—is far more important—the tact of a good Editor is shown more by his selection than anything else; and that we all know, is half the battle. But, as we have said, an Editor ought to be estimated and his labours understood and appreciated, by the general conduct of his paper—its tone—its temper—its manner—its uniform, consistent course—its principles—its aims—its manliness—its courtesy—its dignity—its propriety. To preserve all these, as they should be preserved, is enough to occupy, fully, the time and attention of any man. If to this be added the general supervision of the newspaper establishments, which most Editors have to encounter, the wonder is, how they can find time or 'head-room' to do it all."

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was held on Monday, in the Great Room, Exeter Hall. Colonel Conolly, M.P., presided. The Rev. Dr. Bunting read the Report for the past year, from which it appeared that the receipts amounted to £101,688 2s. 4d. —(loud cheers)—and the expenditure to £98,745 7s. 9d.; leaving a surplus of £2,933 14s. 7d. The net increase of the year, as compared with the preceding, is £11,505 13s. 8d. The present number of principal or central mission stations, called circuits, occupied by the Society in the several parts of the world, is 261; the number of missionaries employed, exclusive of catechists, 368; the number of full and accredited church members, exclusive of those under the care of the Society's missionaries in Ireland, 87,258; and the number of scholars in the mission schools is nearly 60,000.

CANDID ADMISSION.—The importance of the Dissenting Body in this country is perhaps in nothing so strikingly displayed as in the fact of their having the administration of between two and three hundred thousand pounds a year for the propagation of the Gospel throughout the world. What a mighty power! and its past effects and future prospects, how worthy of attention! It

will not do to attempt to laugh or sneer down such a power as this, especially when it is considered, that amidst whatever imperfections, it is the message of the Gospel of peace which they are transmitting to a lost world.—*Record*, May 4, 1842.

POETRY,
THE CROSS.

We sing the praise of Him who died,
Of Him who died upon the cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

Inscrib'd upon the cross we see,
In shining letters, "God is love."
He bears our sins upon the tree,
He brings us mercy from above.

The cross! it takes our guilt away,
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terrors from the grave,
And yields the bed of death with light.

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The treasure and the pledge of love;
'Tis all that sinners want below.
'Tis all that angels know above.

KELLY.

AN EVENING THOUGHT.

Reflected in the lake, I love,
To mark the star of evening glow;
So tranquil in the heaven above,
So restless on the wane below.

This, heavenly slope is all serene,
But earthly hope, how bright soe'er,
Still fluctuates o'er this chancing scene,
As false and fleeting, as 'tis fair.

C. H. TOWNSHEND.

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