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MISSIONS AND MONEY.

The Church of Christ is essentially missionary in her character. She cannot be otherwise while retaining her vitality.

This unselfish enterprise is the natural outflowing of the benevolence of Jesus Christ, infused by the Holy Spirit into the hearts of true believers.

The church aims at nothing less than universal dominion. All must bow to Jesus. Her faith has caught the prophetic utterance, "The saints shall possess the kingdom."

The providence of God, as well as the power of his grace, have been marvellously displayed in the establishment and success of missions.

As a branch of the Church of Christ, the Methodists should not be elated, but profoundly grateful that God has given them such a conspicuous place in this glorious latter day movement.

Our willing feet In swift obedience move.

Oh, that all who say they love Him were thus influenced. Many in Christendom have correct views of the claims of God upon them, but only a few yield to them fully.

The Methodist Church of Canada requires a large increase in her missionary income this year, to sustain the work already commenced, not to speak of pressing calls for wider extension.

The financial outlook at present is not the most encouraging. With a considerable debt from last year, depression in business generally and an increase of new men recently from England on Mission Stations in the Maritime Provinces, there is certainly just cause for deep solicitude in reference to the early future.

Our hope is that in view of those emergencies our people will manifest increased liberality; otherwise we shall hear and some of us feel a great deal about those uncomfortable realities—"large deficiencies."

Largely thou givest, gracious Lord, Largely thy gifts should be restored; Freely thou givest, and thy word is, "Freely give."

G. O. H.

CHRISTIAN COURTESY AT THE CHURCH AND PEW DOOR.

The continuance of the pew system for some years we take for granted. It has long been used by our churches as a crutch, and crutches are not hastily flung away.

The satisfactory performance of this duty, let it be remembered, pre-supposes a willingness on the part of all pew-holders to welcome to a vacant seat any one who may be presented.

Let us not be misled by the fact that the latch-string was always on the outside. Let it be so in Christian Church and houses. Let a pleasant face and a proffered book greet him who comes to occupy a vacant seat, however humble may be his garb.

We did not, when we took up our pen, intend to write so much about pew-rentage. But what we have written, we have written, and are not inclined to draw the pen through a single line.

neighbouring Province, rents its pews for the morning service, but throws them open to the public in the evening. We have no wish to advertise the church in question, we are not sure whether it is not a place where—to borrow a witty remark—the Gospel is "dispensed (with)," but we are at liberty to learn from all quarters, and to learn this lesson could do no harm.

Where from circumstances neither of these plans can be adopted, an earnest effort on the part of official members to accommodate all who present themselves, may attract many to our churches.

An American gentleman on speaking to a friend a short time since, respecting a visit to one of our churches in this city, dwelt particularly upon the kindly manner in which he was greeted at the door by a member of the church, and led to a comfortable seat.

There was but little of incident upon our journey during the first thousand miles. Dr. Stewart, Pickard, and Allison, with Messrs. Milligan, Huestis, Lathern, and the writer, composed the company from St. John, west.

A dignitary of the New Brunswick Conference would doubtless have been of the number, but for the appalling fact that he was announced to preach a missionary sermon Sunday morning at Cobourg. This intimation convinced him that he had important business requiring his attention during an additional day or two in New Brunswick.

This subject is worthy of serious thought. There are crises in the lives of all men, and when the voice of the Spirit is heard above the din of the world; when a resurrection of childhood's lessons has taken place; when the prodigal is on the point of saying, "I will arise and go to my Father," however dissolute his life may have been, he instinctively moves toward the church door.

sensitive, a kind word may help heavenward; a cold word, or quiet neglect may give an impulse hell-ward. We once knew a man-of-war sailor enter the door of a church, walk up the aisle, and then walk down again, to return with a large stone on which he sat throughout the service. He was "one of a thousand," Under the same circumstances men have walked out never to return.

Editorial Correspondence.

If indications are to be relied upon, business begins, in these Eastern States to look up. Boston is wonderfully active once more. Streets lined with cases of Goods and shops crowded with purchasers, seem to be a part of the cities-life today.

Dr. Fulton—the Justin D. Fulton of Tremont Temple fame—who went to Brooklyn, New York recently, has again fallen into difficulties with his people. His deacons were disposed to dismiss him. Dr. Fulton summoned a meeting of the Church members—presided himself—put it to vote as to his remaining in his present charge—counted a vote of 185 in his favor and 153 against him.

Thus far our reflections upon subjects brought out by the daily papers as we pass along. There was but little of incident upon our journey during the first thousand miles.

Speaking of negroes—the celebrated Tennessee Jubilee Troupe were with us from Montreal on Saturday morning. Their history is a strange one. Every one of the ten or twelve have been in slavery, though yet quite youthful.

Company arisen that they are educated, and, what is better, thoroughly redeemed from the selfishness of human nature. During two tours of singing for the public they have turned in for the benefit of their College, fifteen thousand dollars.

A minstrel troupe is capable of greater things, however, than making money—Everywhere the whites are awakened into sympathy with those who had been degraded by generations of toil and bondage.

Take these specimens:—"O some say John the Baptist: Is nothing but a Jew; But the holy Bible tells us That John was a preacher too."

There is no mistaking the preferences of a company that sing "I'm a Methodist bred and a Methodist born There's meetin' here to-night; And when I am dead there's a Methodist gone."

Leaving the choice company, two of us diverged toward Ottawa. A fair city, in a virgin country. But more of this again.

SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To Wesleyan Methodist Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Officers, and Teachers.

By authority of the Conference, the Committee of our Sunday School Union are empowered to make such arrangements as will enable us to join with other Sunday School organizations at home and abroad in the observance of Sunday, October 17th, 1875, and Monday, October 18th, as days for Special Prayer on behalf of our great work.

The Committee therefore most gladly invite your earnest co-operation in the movement, confident that in answer to fervent pleading, the God of all grace and the Lover of the little ones will pour out richly of His Spirit upon the workers who seek to gather and feed His lambs, and upon the myriads of those of whom He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me;" nor may we doubt that the result of such intercession will greatly bless the parents of our Scholars and other members of our families.

While the Committee hope that many local arrangements will be made in various circuits, they would respectfully suggest that the following order should as far as practicable be observed:—

That on Sunday and Monday mornings, October 17th and 18th; between Seven and Eight o'clock, all Teachers should engage in private prayer for God's blessing on their labours, and for each of their scholars by name;

That before the Sunday Morning School and after the Evening Service, Special Prayer Meetings should be held;

That on Sunday afternoon, instead of the ordinary school exercises, the Teachers, Scholars, and Parents should be assembled at a Special Service for singing, prayer, and address;

That on Monday Evening general Sunday School Meetings should be held for the purpose of uniting School workers and other members of the Church in sympathy and prayer, to be conducted in such a way as local circumstances may indicate to be best.

The Committee further hope that our Ministers will be good enough to assist in this important work by preaching at least once on the Sunday, with particular reference to Sunday School work and the conversion of children.

GEORGE SMITH, President of the Conference. CHARLES H. KELLY, Secretary. WILLIAM BINNS, Asst. Secretary.

Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School Union, London, E.C. September 1st, 1875.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Special to the Wesleyan.)

COBourg, Ont., Oct.

Missionary Deputation for E. Provinces—Rev. William W. Secretary of the London Conference. Wm. Gibbs, Esq., of Oshawa, Ont. J. B. Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, will go East shortly.

Enthusiastic missionary meeting last night. Principle of appropriation of not decided, but probably the of the Eastern Conferences was adopted.

Next meeting of the Board will be held in St. John, N.B., and will then visit both Provinces for Missionary Meetings.

CIRCUIT INTELLIGENCE.

FLORENCEVILLE CIRCUIT.—The of our missionary meetings was in Waterville last Wednesday evening when Rev. Messrs. Taylor and I gave interesting addresses. The scriptures were largely in advance of former years. Owing to the extreme wet weather we have been compelled to postpone the rest of our meetings.

"Canada" had been a charming word to the ears of these young persons in days gone by. It meant a land where the slave's fetters fell off, and the colour of the skin gave no man the right of pre-dominance. Now they fairly luxuriated in seeing a land which had been to them long like the fair inheritance of some magic story.

Florenceville, Oct. 8, 1875.

Letter from the United States.

The WESLEYAN has come to his new dress, bright, beautiful—thing about it in matter, arrangement and mechanical execution, deserving highest praise. Success to its new departure, and may many bless attend its editor and readers.

About sixteen years ago we commenced corresponding for it over the nature of "Cecil," and during years it has come regularly to our cheer and encourage us, and in its new dress, we shall prize it than ever. And though never territory in which it principally lates, yet I somehow have come quite well acquainted with its pages and readers, and I hope some day enjoy the privilege of shaking the of some of them. Most of our

ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

have been held for the season, and reports of the state of the world most cheering and encouraging. The country financially, is still depressed, yet the finances of the Church never in a better condition. Some parlaments of the work are a little embarrassed just now financially, but believe they will not suffer any material injury from the embarrassment the end.

REVIVALS.

are progressing in various parts of work, and there is evidently an increasing revival influence in the Church. The prospect is that a general revival will be enjoyed during the fall and winter, which is most devoutly desired.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

are soon to be held to consider matters, among which are the meeting of the General Missionary Committee of New York, when the entire missionary work will be considered, the appointments made to it for the year; an annual meeting of the Board of Boston, held here for the first time. These meetings are looked for with considerable interest, and we will to inform your readers of their do

AMONG THE BOOKS AND PUBLISHERS.

much might be said, but we will take much space in remarks on the subject in this letter. Messrs. Robert & Brothers, have issued, "Years in the Turkish Empire," by E. D. G. Prime; D'Aubigne's "History of the Reformation in the Time of Calvin," vol. 6th. "The Testimony of Rocks," by Hugh Miller, and the "and words of Jesus, and Morning Night Watches," by Dr. Macduff. Most valuable books, as are all the sue from their publishing house. Macduff will be read with great interest, and the present volume will be considered as among the best of his