

One day while preaching from the balcony of the Court-house, in Philadelphia, he cried out, "Father Abraham, who have you got in Heaven; any Episcopalians?" "No." "Any Presbyterians?" "No." "Any Baptists?" "No." "Have you any Methodists there?" "No." "Have you any Independents or Seceders?" "No." "Why who have you then?" "We don't know those names here; all that are here are Christians—believers in Christ—men who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of his testimony." "O, is this the case? then God help me—God help us all to forget party names, and become Christians in deed and in truth." P. Tocque.

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NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT MEETING.

The Wesleyan Ministers comprising the Nova Scotia District commenced their annual sittings in Horton on Thursday morning, 6th inst., and concluded them on Wednesday morning last. Twenty Ministers were present; three were absent. The meeting was one of great unanimity and of christian, brotherly feeling. Besides the usual business, various Resolutions of a miscellaneous character affecting our work, were passed, the substance of some of which we shall at another opportunity place on record in our columns. The religious state of our Societies was generally satisfactory, and we are happy to say, that after filling up all vacancies occasioned by deaths, removals, &c., an increase of members was reported. We intend to give in a future number a more extended notice of particulars than we can do at present.

Stations of Wesleyan Ministers in the Nova Scotia District for the current year.

- Halifax, Ephraim Evans, Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent, John McMurray; William Bennett, Supernumerary.
- Halifax County, Alexander W. McLeod, George O. Huestis.
- Lunenburg, Roland Morton.
- Liverpool and Mill's Village, Richard Weddall.
- Barrington, William Wilson.
- Shelburne and Little Harbour, Robert E. Crane.
- Yarmouth, Richard Williams.
- Horton and Cornwallis, Thomas H. Davies, Secretary of the District, James R. Narraway.
- Windsor, John Marshall.
- Newport and Shubenacadie, Henry Pope, 1st., William McCarty.
- Truro and River John, One to be sent.
- Amherst, William Crocombe.
- Meccan and Parrsborough, One to be sent.
- Wallace, Wesley C. Beals.
- River Philip, One wanted.
- Guy'sborough, Richard Smith.

Cape Breton.

- Sydney, Jeremiah V. Jost.
- Stip Harbour, One wanted.

Prince Edward Island.

Charlotte-Town, Frederick Smallwood; John B. Strong, Supernumerary.

Pownall, Henry Pope, 2d.

Bedeque, James Buckley.

Tryon and Crapaud, One wanted.

Murray Harbour, One wanted.

The Rev. EDMUND BOTTERELL, late Superintendent of the Charlottetown Circuit, has been appointed Chairman and General Superintendent of the Newfoundland District; who, with his Lady and family, sailed on Thursday evening last in the R. M. Steamer *Falcon*, for his new and important scene of ministerial labour. The Rev. Gentleman carries with him the good wishes and earnest prayers of his brethren here and of many christian friends, who have been pleased and profited by their acquaintance and intercourse with him during the last two years. We sincerely hope many years of future and increasing usefulness await him in the responsible and honourable sphere on which he is about to enter. The Rev. J. BREWSTER and Lady also sailed in the same Steamer for Newfoundland.

English District Returns.

Increase of Members in 20 Districts,	12,661
Decrease of Members in 6 Districts,	3,213
Net Increase on Home Districts,	9,448
Increase on Missionary Stations,	5,163

Total Increase during the last year, 14,611

The number of members received "on trial" is about 20,000. This result is highly satisfactory, proving that God is still employing the agency of Wesleyan Methodism as an instrument of spiritual good to vast numbers of our fellow men. We cheerfully yield space for the following article from the *Watchman* of May 29th., with the confident expectation that its perusal will greatly encourage our friends on this side of the Atlantic to continue faithful in their attachment to our Church, and zealous in promoting the spiritual objects of our ecclesiastical organization:—

When speaking of our connexional prospects, just after we had begun to see the full fury of the storm that has been, of late, beating upon us, we expressed our tranquil confidence, that whatever harm to individual souls, whatever wreck to some agitated Societies, and whatever condemnation to the movers of discord might issue from the agitation, it would neither uproot nor sear the tree of the Lord's planting, under the shade of which we have been wont to find repose and nurture. The Connexion has now reached the point where, district by district, our whole condition is annually placed under review. When the balls were hailing from a certain barricade in Paris, General Lamorieiere saw a young Lieutenant of the guard mobile, who, by fits, ran into danger, and into shelter. He took him by the arm, and coolly walked with him across the street, which the fire of the insurgents was sweeping. Safe on the other side, he said, "I only wanted to show you how harmless balls are to a soldier that does not fear them."—Now, as we see our Connexion appear at the annual review, after sustaining such a fire from "riflemen in invisible green," aided by a plentiful discharge of bombs, blunderbusses, and small arms, our feeling is, how harmless balls are when aimed at those whom Providence shelters. "If the Lord had not been on our side," where would have been to-day the respect of the Ministry, the multitudes of the people, the vigour of discipline, or the resources of enterprise? Had hostile combination, activity, and perseverance not been counterworked by a mightier power, the Ministry of Methodism would have sunk into degradation, as a corrupt and tyrannous priesthood,—the people have shrunk from our enclosure, as from the abode of slavery and oppression,—our laws have fallen to the earth as unmet for a full grown community,—and our funds have been left

void, as watched by faithless stewards. That none of these results are come upon us, is matter for humble gratitude, and cheerful hope. It assures us that the mightiest hand of all has not been fighting against us. It will also assure many that soundness, and worth, and the help of God must yet be with Methodism, or it would not gather and grow amid such a storm. Some 9,000 members of increase at home, and 5,000 on our foreign stations, offer a token we ought humbly to accept, that still our heritage is blessed by the good will of him that dwelt in the bush. We cannot pretend to estimate the numbers who have been lost to our Societies during the year by deaths, backslidings, emigrations, secessions, and all other causes. But, in stating these at 20,000 we are certainly well within the mark. It will, then, follow that, during the year, the Lord of the harvest: has so blessed His labourers that through their toil, above 30,000 new members have been gathered out of the world. A result giving no man ground to boast,—a result with which, contemplating the vast multitudes of the ignorant and the wicked, we ought not to rest content; but a result which ought to inspire us with a brave resolution to go on doing our work, and confiding in God. If in the face of such opposition, if with every attempt to persuade our members that they are under a system,—and to persuade those that are without that by joining us they would come under a system,—which requires that "when one becomes a Methodist, he ceases to be a man;" if with two or three agitated Circuits in London showing a decrease which more than balances the total increase on the district; if with Norfolk scattering our flocks by agitations, till there are 500 less there than 12 months ago; if with the Nottingham and Derby District giving to the genius of agitation a holocaust of 1,600 members; if with the certainty on the minds of our sober people that a restless few were resolved the many should not have rest unless their own notions were indulged,—if, with all this, the yearly review finds our ranks swelling, and our movement swifter, vain must he be who would boast as if "by our own hand" we had gotten this victory, and cold must he be who would not "own His power, and accept the sign."

We know not with what feelings those who have sought to persuade us that all Methodism is an intolerable bondage, will look on these returns. Those who have withdrawn their benevolence from our Missionary funds, which have swelled the more notwithstanding, will they rejoice over the 5000 souls gathered in abroad? Those who have said that we lean only on wealth, will they be glad of the 9,000, principally of the poor, who have been added to us at home? Which will give them most pleasure,—that fruit of peaceful labour which Cornwall presents in her 4,000 additional members, or that triumph of agitation in the terrible decrease in Nottingham, and Derby and Norfolk? Will they ascribe to their own efforts the success in the Districts where "Methodism as it is" steadily operates? Will they charge upon the faithful and tyrannical Ministry the decline in Districts where "Methodism as it ought to be" is popular? Will they sigh that they are not aided by a generally sinking cause? Will they repine that, in spite of their eloquence, fresh thousands are found who deem our pasture fit to feed in; or will they have grace to see that the fruit of their part and labour has neither been peace nor prosperity; and seeing it begin to learn what spirit they are of? We earnestly hope the latter may be the case with some; at all events, we pray that upon their heads may never light the curse of those who have been turned out of the way.

Confidence in our God, and confidence in our internal vitality, are the great lessons of the year. Realising these, let us move on. Our work is before us; the world needs us; a little outcry must not disturb our march; on; on; on; to boasting, no clamour, no halting; keep in the ranks, let stragglers break loose, let laggards drop out of line, but "steady, ten, steady!" The hard words of kindred churches need neither discouragement nor irritate us. We see that Methodism is now strong enough to bear a hearty assault at once from without, and from within. Let Church and dissent frown or smile, here we are, and our hope is not in them; their

smile we ever welcome; but if they frown, we will say, "Though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not, O Lord, our Father, our Redeemer: thy name is from everlasting."

Oregon.

Oregon City, situated on the right bank of the Wallamette, the lower south branch of the Columbia, is the most populous settlement in the territory. It contains about 2000 persons, mostly from different parts of the United States, who have struggled with the difficulties of their tedious journey, and the "mountain pass," in their emigration to this country. The remainder are mostly descendants of the Aborigines, who remain here for the purpose of procuring employment from the whites, and catching salmon at the falls of the river. The Catholics have a large church and a nunnery in the city, but I think they are not numerous comparatively in the territory. The Baptists and Methodists have each a place of worship. Also, the Congregationalists contemplate building a church soon. Would there could be so much piety and Protestant influence, as to chase away every system of error that finds support in our community. There are two Protestant, and two Catholic schools in the place; but the demand for Protestant teachers is so great, that many children of Protestant parents are sent to Catholic schools.

There is one phenomenon here which I have observed in no other country. While the snow and frost are seen on the ground, the grass grows green on the hills, the trees are budding, and the buds open into green leaves. This I observed the first day of entering the territory, under the South bank of the Columbia, where the sun did not shine upon the earth more than two hours in the twenty-four. While I now write, the snow lies upon the ground, but I see the growing grass nearly two inches high under my window. The uniformity and agreeableness of our climate are easily accounted for in the fact, that, in the winter, the wind almost constantly blows from the South; while in the summer, the current of air constantly draws from the North. But it may be more difficult to account for the prevalence of the wind from the South during the winter, and from the North during the summer. The most plausible theory which I have heard is, that, during the winter, in North latitude, the upper current in the atmosphere descends to the earth, in this region; while in the summer, the upper current communicates with the earth in a more Northern latitude, in which case we should receive the under current from the North.—*Correspondent of Zion's Herald.*

Meeting of Open Convocation.

On Thursday last, the Convocation of the Toronto University was held in the City Hall, for the purpose of installing the Hon. P. B. de Blaquiere as Chancellor of the University. The Hall was densely thronged, the upper end being reserved for His Excellency as Visitor, with his suite, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, President, Professors, and other Members of the Convocation. The Chancellor was introduced and conducted to his place by Dr. Bovell. An address was delivered in Latin by the President, and responded to in the same language by his Excellency. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor in resigning his trust into the hands of the Chancellor, delivered a short but excellent address. The Chancellor addressed the House for some time on a variety of topics connected with the University. Occasionally the Chancellor was happy; but as a whole, his address fell below what we anticipated.

His Excellency the Governor-General followed in an address replete with beautiful imagery and lofty sentiment. We never listened to a superior oration. It was in the highest sense an eloquent one; and repeatedly elicited the warmest expressions of approbation from the intelligent audience. Pure as was the diction, and eloquent as was the delivery, these were not in advance of the noble Christian sentiments pervading the whole address. With an earnestness and power that would do honour to any Christian orator, His Excellency declared that any system of Education not to be utterly use-

less—may, not to be worse than... be based upon religious principles... than that religion must be the... well as the base, and pervade... must be the Alpha and the Omega... and the last—the beginning and... He stated also that by religion... mean that misty, undefinable... might be warped into pantheistic... hand, or into semi-infidelity on... By religion, he meant the religion... ble—the religion of the Word of... At the close of His Excellency... the Hall resounded to the rapture... of the admiring audience, who... their cordial adhesion to those... ples so boldly and clearly enunc... Representative of Her Gracious... *Toronto Christian Guardian.*

Nova Scotia Sabbath Alliance.

It affords us no ordinary... be able to state that, at a large... tial meeting of the representative... rious Protestant bodies in this... the Mechanics Institute, on M... ing last, it was unanimously re... an Association for the purpos... ting the due observance of the... to be designated "The Nova... bath Alliance." The objects of... ciation are the diffusion of Scri... on the subject of the Lord's day... ing and circulating of all stati... tion in reference to the prevail... Sabbath desecration, and the... consequences, and the using of... ble effort for their suppressi... committee, consisting of twelve... isters of the city, and thirty... pointed for the purpose of carr... objects, and it is to be hoped, d... duality manifested by these... Monday night, that they will... actively and perseveringly... are to be admitted members... of the principles and objects... and subscribe a quarter of a... num to its funds, and with th... cing the young to take an... movement, they are to be ad... that sum. This movement is... tended to supersede the labo... cieties, or of ecclesiastical... own spheres, in the further... object. It is intended rather... and encourage the efforts of... by a hearty co-operation, an... ery exertion for the establish... or Auxiliary Associations... various districts, and more... ments of the Province.—*News, 8th inst.*

Gold Drops.

Refuse not to pardon of... need no pardon yourself. The art of pleasing is no... art of deceiving. Those who know most, s... of knowledge; and the most... most anxious for improving... Let no man complain of... life, but he who can say h... spent an hour. Let scandal alone, and... itself; oppose it, and it will... Fretfulness, like a mo... consumes our spirits. Youth never rideth we... holdeth the bridle. Prayer is the rest of... calm of our tempers. Truth should never stri... compliment to ignorance d...

SUMMARY OF

BY THE R. M.

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