

4,500 regular Preachers and Missionaries, who have under their pastoral care more than a million members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society; and these have been gathered within the last century! an increase unprecedented in any section of the Christian church, within a similar period. Our glowing gratitude must find a voice! "Bound every heart, and every bosom burn!" "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge!"—*Correspondent of the London Watchman.*

Our young correspondent C. F. W. has, in his excellent selection which appears in another page, placed our youthful readers under an obligation; and we would suggest to them the propriety of committing to memory the lines on the Solar System;—they will thereby easily obtain no inconsiderable degree of Astronomical information.

**SCHOOL EXAMINATION.**—On Monday the 9th inst. the Parish School of Windsor underwent an examination. Besides some of the Parents, there were present the Rev. Mr. Murdoch and the Rev. Mr. McLeod. It is but justice to say, the scholars, generally, acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of the visitors: Their proficiency in Arithmetic and English Grammar,—the propriety with which they read, and their orderly conduct, whilst honorable to themselves, also reflect great and deserved credit on the worthy teacher Mr. Andrew Harvey.—(Communicated.)

Several articles intended for this number are unavoidably deferred.

#### GENERAL AND LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

##### PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

The Session closed on Tuesday. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor came down about 3 o'clock, and went through the usual forms. The only act dissented from was that relating to School Lands, for the ostensible reason given in the Speech. It will be seen that His Excellency takes the House to task for attempting to express the opinion of their constituents as to the formation of the Legislative Council, at a moment when such a step might lead to necessary improvements, and for not giving the Councillors pay.

##### SPEECH.

*Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of Her Majesty's Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

As the public business is brought to a close, I have great pleasure in releasing you from your Legislative labours.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*  
I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the supplies you have granted for the Public Service for the present year.

You have done as much as could be expected by your liberal grant of £10,000 for the Service and Equipment of the Militia, and it will be my ambition, as it is my duty, on any emergency that may arise, to give the fullest effect to the means of defence which you have provided. It is to be hoped, however, as the outbreak in the Canadas has been suppressed, and as the Government of the United States has adopted active measures for maintaining neutrality on their frontier, that the amicable relations which so happily exist between the Governments will not be interrupted.

It would have afforded me much gratification if the important business, which it became my duty to bring under your consideration, in obedience to Her Majesty's commands, (in consequence of your Address to the Throne last Session) had been satisfactorily arranged, and I cannot but express my regret that a subject of such deep interest to the prosperity and tranquillity of the Province remains unadjusted.

I cannot permit to pass unnoticed the resolution which you lately handed to me, expressing your regret that in the formation of the Legislative Council, Her Majesty's gracious Instructions had not been carried out; especially as you took occasion to present that resolution at the moment when

you had reason to believe that it had become necessary for me to make some alteration in that Body, in consequence of Instructions then just received. It was my duty as well as my inclination to give the fullest effect to those Instructions, and I can confidently affirm that no means or exertions upon my part were wanting; but you, Gentlemen, must first make provision for the payment of the Legislative Council, (in a similar manner as you pay yourselves) before individuals can be induced, or can afford, to come from the country, and give up their time and labour, without remuneration.

It is unavailing to attempt to give satisfaction to all—some individuals no doubt are dissatisfied that they are not named to the Council, but as I am responsible to Her Majesty for the selection which I have made, I shall firmly resist any attempt to encroach upon Her Majesty's prerogative, or to influence me in the fulfilment of my duty.

*Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

I have deemed it proper to withhold my assent to the Bill passed by you, for the appointment of Trustees for School Lands in this Province, because some of the allotments have been for many years past, and still are in the charge of Trustees, nominated by my predecessors or myself, in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature, passed in the year 1766.

I shall not fail however, to transmit, to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of this Bill, and request instructions for my guidance, in the event of the consideration of this subject being resumed in the next Session of General Assembly. I trust that I need not assure you, that I shall do so in such a manner, that it may induce the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government to the weight which is due to any subject emanating from both branches of the Legislature.

I have witnessed with much satisfaction, the uninterrupted zeal and harmony which appears to have animated the two Branches of the Legislature during the present Session, and I confidently rely that you will, on your return to your homes, cultivate in your respective circles those sound principles of loyalty and affection to our most Gracious Sovereign, and attachment to the Parent Kingdom, which alone can promote and secure the real interests of this rising and happy Colony.

**NOVA SCOTIA BIBLE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the above Auxiliary was held on Tuesday evening last in the Mechanics' Institute, Dalhousie College Halifax, and was numerous and respectfully attended. In the absence of His Excellency the Governor—President—one of the Vice Presidents. The Hon. H. H. Cogswell took the chair. The Report was read by J. W. Nutting Esq., the Secretary, the meeting having been first opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Scott. The resolutions were moved and seconded by the following persons:—the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, M. G. Black Esq. Rev. C. H. Churchill, J. Allison Esq., G. N. Russel, Esq., J. W. Johnson Esq., Hugh Bell Esq., Rev. Thomas Smith and S. P. Fairbanks Esq.

**WESLEYAN MISSIONARY BAZAAR—HALIFAX.**—A Bazaar for the sale of Useful and Ornamental Work &c. &c. was held at Mason Hall, in this Town, on Tuesday last, and was most numerous and respectfully attended. The articles which remained undisposed of on Tuesday evening were all sold on Friday, and the nett amount realized the liberal sum of two hundred and ten pounds and upwards!! The object of the Bazaar was to increase the funds of the Parent Society at home.

At a meeting of the Committee of the above, held Wednesday, April, 18, 1838. It was Resolved,

1. That the thanks of the Committee be respectfully rendered to those Ladies and Gentlemen who have materially assisted them by their kind and liberal contributions of useful and ornamental work, refreshments, &c. &c. and to the numerous friends who patronized their exertions on the day of sale.

2. That the above resolution be inserted in the different Newspapers.

✂ Editors are politely requested to copy the above.

**FIRES.**—A fire broke out at 1 o'clock on Tuesday night, and was subdued by the fire engine. viz:—Three houses, Archibald Gordon's, It is a incendiary fire: their strong fire occupied hours, and many eyes were given last adjoining the W. H. McCur fire, but time from gaining.

The Canadian Prisoners are—No.

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