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BEARERS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

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LEAFLETS.

EVERING THOUGHTS.

scene is of dull, town character... without some points of beauty and rest.

But, in a spot of garden ground, neighbouring cottage, a balsam tree, branch aspiring vertically, and each with an almost bursting bud...

tree has not a suitable background... of watery vapours, or brighter blue different shades of greyish brown.

space above, also, to which each bud-spray points, is a serenely beautiful sea: an amalgamation of azure and with some long fleecy clouds marking wave;—still, calm, profound,—typical, as the spring buds are of time.

strangely varied scenes do they recall! recollect similar impressions, similar of mind, similar scenes, here and over earth's surface,—here and there, history of life.

How many may be, for a solitary hour, thus musing at this peaceful hour. The varied emotions become visible or sense, how graphic or eloquent would appear.—What intellectual exultations were, in the still atmosphere, only to man in their individual character great aggregate lost, except to the of a spiritual world.

Several churches will soon become vocal with praise and prayer and appeal:—many minds will soon be within the influence of important thoughts and feelings.

WESLEYANA.

Under this heading we desire to introduce selected articles, illustrative of the politics and doctrine of Wesleyan Methodism—the Christ as expressed in its Church members—with occasional Aesopisms, &c. &c. &c.

(From the Toronto Ch. Guardian.) Address of the Canadian to the English Conference.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We most gratefully acknowledge the receipt of your address, the reading of which has produced strong impressions and lively emotions in our minds.

We are assured honoured Fathers and Brethren, that we respond with all our hearts to the views you have expressed on the unity of Wesleyan Methodism in Canada.

We rejoice that you have been favoured with times of refreshing in your societies and congregations, both at home and abroad; and we are thankful to be able to state, that we have been blessed with similar visitations of Divine mercy and power in many parts of our work.

The extent of the Missionary department of our work in Western Canada, in addition to our usual current work, may be conceived from the facts, that there are 11 Landium Mission Stations, supplied by 17 Missionaries, and by 12 Interpreters, and containing 12 Day Schools and 12 Teachers, and 2,492 attendants upon public worship.

It is thus our care and endeavour, to the utmost of our power, to supply the new and feeble settlements with the ministrations of religion, and to provide every newly-arrived emigrant with its consolations, to cause the accents of religion to mingle with the first echoes of the woodman's axe; to assuage the sorrows and alleviate the privations of the new settler with sanctuary privileges and sympathies, to illumine the rayless wigwam of the Indian with the Light of Life, and to give

and him the comforts and institutions of Christian civilization. This has stamped a characteristic feature upon our great mission in this country from the beginning; and, in the fulfilment of it, our Ministers and Missionaries have endured unnumbered labours, privations, and sufferings.

In the maintenance and extension of our varied work, and in raising the pecuniary resources necessary for its promotion, we are deeply indebted to the indefatigable and able labours of your honoured representatives—the Rev. Dr. Richey and the Rev. Enoch Wood.

It is also with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that we refer to the public and private intercourse, the ministrations and labours of our esteemed brother the Reverend Dr. Richey, who has performed the duties of Co-Delegate during the past year, and whom you have appointed President for the present year.

We feel that a great and sacred trust has been committed to us in respect to Scriptural Truth itself, as well as in ministering to the spiritual wants of our scattered population and Indian Tribes.

From past and present indications, we anticipate a year of revival and prosperity. We go forth in faith, and with the single purpose of laying aside all worldly cares and studies, all uncharitableness and suspicion, of honouring each other's character, and of knowing nothing among our congregations and people but Jesus Christ and him crucified.

In order to accomplish more fully the great objects of the Union and promote the interests of Methodism in this extensive country, we have appointed our beloved and honoured brother the Rev. John Ryerson as our Representative to you.

We solicit the continuance of your prayers, counsel, and co-operation; and we devoutly unite with you in imploring the abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all the ministers and congregations of our beloved Church throughout the world.

Signed by order, and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, at Hamilton, this fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY.

CHRISTIANISING THE JEWS.—The London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews reported a prosperous and useful condition of its affairs. Receipts £17,343. At this meeting the Rev. Hugh Stowell remarked, that in Rome, so great was the desire to read the Scriptures, the Jews were purchasing large numbers of Bibles and conveying them to Rome as articles of merchandise.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—The London Missionary Society reported its receipts for the last year at £64,508. The young duke of Argyll who has recently distinguished himself in ecclesiastical polemics, presided at the Annual Meeting, and made an opening speech which is spoken of as "eloquent, powerful, and comprehensive."

THE IDOLS HAVE PERISHED.—At the recent Anniversary of the London Missionary Society the Duke of Argyll, who presided on the occasion, mentioned the following interesting fact:—"A young chief, who sat on the platform near His Grace, lately arrived in England from Rarotonga. In viewing the curiosities of this great metropolis he was taken to the museum of the London Missionary Society. There, for the first time, he witnessed one of those images which his fathers worshipped! So completely had pagan worship been abolished; so literally had their idols been cast to the moles and to the bats, that the Rarotonga chief had not even seen one of them, before he arrived in the metropolis of Christendom."

FAST DAY IN BROOKLYN.—We understand that the day appointed by the Mayor of Brooklyn for fasting, in view of the fatal epidemic, was observed with appropriate solemnity. The "city of churches" wore a very quiet aspect. The stores were generally closed, and in the evening there was not a ray of light from the churches. The congregations were large.

YOUNG MINISTERS.—Twenty-five young men, members of the Union Theological Seminary of New York at its anniversary held recently, received their certificates of qualifications to preach the Gospel. One of the number is already on the sea as a missionary of the American Board for Persia, and a number of others are expected soon to be employed in the West or in foreign lands.

OREGON.—The communications from the Rev. Mr. Roberts are down to the close of February. They are all dated from Oregon City, and furnish pleasing information to the friends of that interesting field of missionary labour. Mr. Roberts speaks of the large number of persons that have left Oregon for California, many of whom have left families behind who require the attention of the members of the mission family.

OUR GROUND.—The communications from the Rev. Mr. Roberts are down to the close of February. They are all dated from Oregon City, and furnish pleasing information to the friends of that interesting field of missionary labour.

VARIETIES.

INTELLIGENCE IN A FISH.—At a recent meeting of the Liverpool Philosophical Society, Doctor Warwick related an extraordinary instance of intelligence in a fish. When he resided at Durham, the seat of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington, he was walking one evening in the park, and came to a pond where fish intended for the table were temporarily kept. He took particular notice of a fine pike, of about six pounds weight, when it observed him, darted hastily away. In so doing it struck its head against a waterhook in a post (of which there were several in the pond, placed there to prevent poaching) and, as it afterwards appeared most horrible, it rushed to the bottom, and boring its head into the mud, whirled itself round with such velocity that it was almost lost to the sight for a short interval. It then plunged about the pond, and at length threw itself completely out of the water on the bank. He went and examined it, and found that a very small portion of the brain was protruding from the fracture in the skull. He carefully replaced this, and with a small silver toothpick, raised the intended portion of the skull. The fish remained still for a short time and he then put it again into the pond. It appeared at first a good deal relieved; but in a few minutes it again plunged and darted about, until it threw itself out of the water a second time. A second time Dr. Warwick did what he could to relieve it, and again put it into the water. It continued for several times to throw itself out of the pond, and with the assistance of the keeper, the doctor at length made a kind of pillow for the fish, which was then left to its fate. Upon making his appearance at the pond on the following morning, the pike came towards him to the edge of the water, and actually laid its head upon his feet. The doctor thought this most extraordinary; but he examined the fish's skull and found it going on all right. He then walked backwards and forwards along the edge of the pond for some time, and the fish continued to swim up and down, turning whenever he turned; but being blind on the wounded side of its skull, it always appeared egotistical when it had that side towards the bank, so it could not then see its benefactor. On the next day he took some young friends down to see the fish, which came to him as usual; and at length he actually taught the pike to come to him at his whistle, and lead out of his hands. With other persons it continued as shy as fish usually are. The doctor thought this a most remarkable instance of gratitude in a fish for a benefit received, and as it always came at his whistle, it proved also what he had previously, with other naturalists, disbelieved—that fishes are sensible to count.—Chambers' Journal.

CHANGES OF AIR.—An occasional change of air may be said to be almost necessary to the perfect well-being of every man. The workman must leave his workshop, the student his library, and the lawyer his office, or sooner or later his health will pay the penalty, and this, no matter how great his temperance in eating and drinking—no matter how vigorously and regularly he uses his limbs—no matter how open and dry, and free from sources of impurity may be the air of the place in which he is employed.

COMPLAINING.—"I never complained of my condition," says the Persian poet Saadi, "but once, when my feet were bare, and I had no money to buy shoes; but I met a man without feet, and became contented with my lot."

GOOD NATURE.—Good nature is the very sign of a good mind, the sign of a large and generous soul, and the peculiar soil in which virtue prospers.

BENEVOLENCE.—There cannot be a more glorious object in creation than a human being, replete with benevolence, meditating in what manner he might render himself most acceptable to his Creator, or by doing most good to his creatures.—More