

THE WESLEYAN AUXILIARY FUND.

To the Editors of the Watchman.

Sirs,—The grateful acknowledgements of the Wesleyan Connexion are due to you, for the kindness with which, in your last number, you have supported the stirring appeal of the Treasurers and Secretary of the above Fund. It may, perhaps, prove of some additional service, to insert the following copy of a letter, which was addressed by an aged Supernumerary to one of the late District Meetings. If the effect of reading this letter be such, on the members of our Societies and Congregations generally, as it produced in that District Meeting, your most benevolent wishes, for the vigorous support of the Fund, will be fully realized.

I am, Sirs,
Yours respectfully,
A. B.

June 1st, 1939.

To the Preachers of the ——— District.

Dear and Honoured Fathers and Brethren in the gospel of Christ,—May the great Head of this Church superintend your meeting, and bless all your consultations to the good of His Church.

I hope that a poor and afflicted fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ will not be forgotten by you. I have been afflicted for eighteen months past, and the greater part of that time unable to get to bed or get out without help. What I am to do I cannot tell. I am here in ———, far from my native country or relatives. I have thought of trying to get amongst them, but could not without money; and the Lord knows I have none. How I am to live till Conference I do not know, and my Doctor's bill is unsettled, which I suppose will amount to a good many pounds; these things have pressed hardly upon my mind, and heavily upon my spirits, and greatly added to my affliction. My Brethren, to whom can I go but to God, and his Church under Him, with whom and for whom I have spent the best part of my life and substance? O Brethren, if you knew my feelings at the present moment, while I am writing, you would not wonder at my exclamation,—for God's sake, for Christ's sake, have mercy and pity on a poor afflicted Brother. I want to go as far as ———, in ———, but I want money to carry me. If the fund refuse to advance it to me, at the present, I must abide in ———, till the Lord send me to my grave. ——— is upwards of two hundred miles hence, and in my weak state I do not know how I shall be able to support it.

We have taken a small house for 9l. 8s. a-year, and though my wife is almost as feeble as I am, yet we have no servant—we endeavour to do all we can; we may truly be said to be walking in darkness and have no light.

I remain, your poor afflicted and distressed brother in the Gospel.

From the Ulster Times.

WESLEYAN IRISH CONFERENCE.—The Annual Meeting of this body, held this year in Belfast has just closed. At ten o'clock, on the morning of Friday the 21st instant, the Conference opened, in the Wesleyan Chapel, Donegall-square East. They were favoured with the presence and counsel of the Rev. Thomas Jackson and Rev. Robert Newton, President and Secretary of the British Conference; the Rev. George Marsden of Sheffield, and the Rev. John Beecham, one of the General Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. The Rev. Thomas W. Doolittle was elected to the office of Secretary, and the Rev. Messrs. W. Stewart, Thomas Waugh, and W. Reilly, Representatives to the British Con-

ference. It was the largest Conference ever held in Ireland: the most cordial harmony pervaded the entire body; every member being of one heart and of one mind, they experienced all that joy and hallowed pleasure of brethren who dwell together in unity. The expectations of the public were raised very high with reference to the solemn services of that important occasion; and we are glad to say they were not disappointed.

On Sunday, the 23rd. in Donegall-square Chapel, the President preached at 11, a. m.; the Rev. R. Newton at 2, p. m., and the Rev. John Beecham at 7, p. m. In Frederick-street, Rev. Mr. Ferguson, 7 a. m. Rev. R. Newton, 11 a. m., and at 7 p. m., the Rev. George Marsden. Ballymacarret, 11 a. m., the Rev. John Beecham; 7 p. m., Rev. John Holmes, Wesley-place, 11 a. m., Rev. Robert Jessop; 7 p. m., the President. On Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, the Rev. George Marsden preached in Donegall-square Chapel; and on Tuesday evening the examination of six young men, who had creditably filled the term of their probation, took place before a dense congregation, who were deeply affected by the plain account which each gave of his conversion to God, his religious experience, and call to the ministry; after which they were ordained to the office and work of the holy ministry in the Wesleyan connexion. On Wednesday evening the President delivered to them a solemn and deeply impressive charge on the nature and importance of the work to which they were called.

The Conference closed its sittings at 4 o'clock on Friday evening, under feelings the most hallowed and affecting that had been recollected by the oldest member of the body.

COMMENCEMENT OF WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, U. STATES.

This took place on the 7th instant, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Middletown, Conn., in the following order:—

Music, prayer, music; Salutatory addresses, Mead Holmes, Sheridan, N. Y.; Oration, posthumous influence, De Witt C. Vosbury, Windsor, N. Y.; Dissertation, fanaticism, F. A. Bates, Springfield, Mass.; Oration, American literature, Waldo F. Converse, New-Braintree, Mass.; Disquisition, ancients and moderns compared, Joseph T. Arnold, Lima, N. Y.; Music; Oration, association of ideas, Albert F. Park, Preston; Essay, mental achievements, Job W. Keech, Buffalo, N. Y.; Oration, talents without moral principle, Lansing Porter, East Bloomfield, N. Y.; Oration the spirit of genius; Music; Sidera Chase, N. York city; Greek oration, A. C. Heustis, Sodus, N. Y.; Philosophical oration, nature and revelation harmonious, Humphrey Pickard, Fredrickton, N. B.; Dissertation, dreaming, J. H. Rolston, New York city; Oration, imperishability of thought, Abiel Converse, Thompson; Oration, moral grandeur, Clark T. Hinman, Davenport, N. Y.; Music; Dialogue, genius of the nineteenth century; Flimsey, Hiram Willey, (author), Hadlyme; Eruditus, Francis A. Bates; Classical oration, the study of antiquity, Lester M. Clark, Lenox, N. Y.; Oration, romance, Jonathan Coe, Winchester, Portraiture of character, Aaron Brur, Samuel H. Ward, East Windsor; music; Oration, Henry Bannister, A. B.

The degree of bachelor of arts was then conferred on the following candidates, viz: Joseph True Arnold, Francis Asbury Bates, George Whiting Burke, William Howard Bussell, Sidera Chase, Lester Mumford Clark, Jonathan Coe, Waldo Flint Converse, Joshua Marsden Donaldson, Clark Titus Hinman, Alexander Comstock Heustis, Mead Holmes, Harmon Merrels Johnston, Job Waterman Keech, Leabod Marcy, Joshua Newhall, Ashley Rensselaer

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