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Correspondence.

Shall we Return?

It has been said to me, and to the Methodista of this place, by a certain Minister of the Church of England, " That the Methodists ought to recurn to the Church, because John Wesley never wished his followers to separate from it." That he is not singular in this belief and wish is evident from the recent systematic effort made in England to effect a return, but without success. It is true, Mr. Wesley never separated nor did he wish his people to separate from the Church, but as the Church would not receive him with but as the Church would not receive him with prayer may be realized, so that the Establish- We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of cor he could not in conscience separate himself from ment may be as a church should be " a congregration of faithful men where the pure word of that faith which had been life from the dead to God is preached and the sacraments duly adminhimself and to thousands through his instrumenfality,-therefore the Church separated both him and them, and as he believed it to be his duty. being directed by the Spirit and Providence of God to vary not from the ' Worship and Doctrines' but from the laws and orders of the the Church. In our separated existence and Church, he lived and died a separated Mem- organization we have been and are still honored ber and Minister of that Communion. " The cause of his separation," he tells us, "arose first while my brother and I were at Oxford, for our endeavouring to be real Christians. It was increased abundantly when we began to preach were excluded from preaching in the Church." Now I think-it evident, that as Mr. Wesley could never return to the Church unless he could be allowed to vary from it as he did, and that with God's approval and manifest blessing in the conversion of thousands of sinners to God, he could never wish his people to do what he could not and did not do himself, that is return to the Church. The grand question then to be settled is, "Will the Methodists fall back from the advances they have made towards primitive Christianity, or would the Establishment advance to overtake them?" If the Methodists fall back. then Methodiam exists no longer as it is, and must be annihilated or merged in that of the Church, and if the Church advances, then the Church ceases to be what it now is, and must be built up anew, after the model of John Wesley's ism; but the former cannot fall back while the spirit of its founder animates it, and while God is with us as it was with him in the conversion and salvation of precious souls, and it is certain that the latter will not, as has been lately proved in England.

May we be allowed to state what we think the Church would have to advance, and what the Methodists would have to fall back from to obtain the return so ardently desired.

to bury that old and childish relic of the Church of Rome, 'Apostolic Succession' " which is looked upon as an unwholesome graft from an evil tablishment and leaving it subject to periodical with banners," to the praise and glory of Christ, attacks of Romanist lever followed by cold fits of the only Head and Foundation and Corner Stone Rationalism, as at this day." This figment leads of the Church. to the unscriptural Doctrine, that Bishop is a Divine order of Ministers, and above that of

Presbyters, which Mr. Wesley could not receive, believing as he did that they were one and the same order of Ministers; it also leads to the exclusion of all other Ministers, except those of the

first faith and their first love. We admit there realized by entrance fees and sales of re- souls and bodies of the millions of Chinese plause.) He joined in the prayer that it rule for the purpose @ rendering it still are many evangelical ministers and many pious will be appropriated to the liquidation of members of the Church who long for a reform the debt upon our chapel .- Com. mong its ministers and people, and far be it from us to try to separate them from her com-

nunion. Nay, we would rather say to them. abide where you are and labor and pray tor that reform. Remain orthodox among the beter THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1857. odox, evangelical among the anti-evangelicals-

the true among the false, as lights amidst the ommunications designed for this paper must paried by the name of the writer in confiden darkness, that the object of your desire and

British Methodism.

istered." It appears to me that the spirit and We continne our extracts. The Misprovidence of God which gave rise to the organization of Methodism has never made it evident the 28th of July. After the devotional ex- there would now have been a quarter or that it is the duty of the Methodists to return to of God in the conversion of sinners both in Christendom and in Heathendom, and our panion, Mr. Churchill, and the President all these things together; but they though Church now (for we call our Methodism a invited them to seats upon the platform. at the same time to remember that a very

Church) as has been lately ascertained in the two particulars of adherents and communicants, read the Minutes of the General and mediane of the beathens and Mahomthat the comparative strength of the Church Finance Committees of the Wesleyan Misrepentance and remission of sins, and insisted that we are justified by faith. For this cause we and Methodists is such that an argument might with considerable plausibility be maintained as to which has the balance in its favour—that is with considerable plausibility be maintained as to which has the balance in its favour—that is taking both bodies as they exist throughout the world. Thus in a little more than a century has the the character and the following one, in aid of the throughout the the following one, in aid of the throughout the the the the the three the three t Methodism according to the above statement come up to the Church (which has existed many the consequent necessity for the reinforce-lengthened period of greater or less pecuni-tic dily in completely relieving it, after a fied in having been a member of the first many years was indicted by the Grand centuries and as some say from the days of the Apostles) in numerical strength, and that too amidst persecution from every quarter not ex- General Secretaries, Mr. Arthur, the Com- which a considerable part of the period in met the Irish Conference in this city, so empting the Church itself, while the Church mittee's sympathy with him in his atfliction, question was marked, the meeting recognises, from the days of John Wesley at least has had their granting him leave of absence, and his in the steadfast and liberal support of our American Methodism. It was with pecuin the steadfast and liberal support of our support of our subsequent return from a tour for the bene-fit of his health;—the testimony of the Connexion generally, liar feeling that, after listening to the excel-a manifest token of the goodness of God, lent sermon of my colleague, Dr. M Clinratio that she has for the last century she must in another century far outrun the Establishment in adherents and communicants. Our prosper-Cox, in the Chinese language :-- the render-hearty thanks for their faithful help, and the grave of Boardman, so dear to English, ity then for the last century indicates that Me- ing of Governmental assistance to the Wes- joyful congratulations on the present position Irish, and American Methodism; I heard thodism is still owned and blessed of God and if leyan Schools at Madras ;- the attendance of the Society, the meeting would remind that sentence drop from the lips of the Prefaithful it will continue as Mr. Wesley himself of a deputation from the Committee at the them that, for many years, populous regions sident with peculiar feeling when he said, believed unto the end of time. The Church funeral of the late Dr. Harris as a token of of the earth have been in vain appealing to must wish us to return either because they fear respect ;- their sympathy with, and contrius or they love us, we hope the latter. If we bution of £25 to the testimonial fund in com- stations have been much enfeebled, and that, cannot in conscience return-let us not fall out memoration of the intrepidity and success-by the way-let us agree to differ, and that if the ful labours of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, in tribe of Judah cannot be merged into that of the vast continent of Africa;-the Secreta-Ephraim or that of Ephraim into that of Judah, ries letter to Lord Clarendon on the China "That Judah shall not vex Ephraim and that due to the china and that the china and that

Enhraim shall not vex Judah," but that they Lord Elgin to secure as far as possible reliboth will provoke one another to love and to First as regards the Church; they would have good works, and that both will contend earnest- Missionaries in China, the only present ly (not enviously) for the faith once delivered means to that end being a constructive unto the Saints until both together shall see eye authorisation limited to the five ports; to it may be disguised, and with whatever restock; or as an inoculcation from the diseased and above all until both shall be "clear as the replied that the matter should receive due tially a revival of the accursed slave trade protection of the lives and property of Mis-A METHODIST. sionaries in that country ;- the establishment of the Protestant Missions Medical Society, in consequence of the letters of

Charlottetown Sabbath-School. Mr. Harvey, which Society had sent quanti-To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan:

It affords me pleasure to inform you, that

St. David's, Aug. 1st, 1857.

no man can make Divine. O methinks the Me-

SIGNARY COMMITTEE met in Liverpool on enter the army and form christian regiments,

ercises the Rev. Dr. Hannab, formally ex- half a million of well trained men who Methodism in the United States- places of not being sufficiently anti-slavery. tended a cordial welcome to Dr. Stinson on terests. No doubt many of them would be his return from America and to his com- so faithful. He could not help connecting

> medans of those lands. The principal resolutions adopted were as

follows :-

Committee to the valuable services of Mr. who thus worked in his people both to will tock, I proceeded to the churchyard, and Boyce in the absence of Mr. Arthur ;- the and to do liberal things on behalf of His stood with Dr. Hannah and your konoured commencement of actual preaching by Mr. own work. While tendering to those friends President, and a number of others, around our Society for Missionaries, and that many Coming 'from America we feel under great therefore, the present moment, though one to Mr. Wesley as, under God, the founder for thankfulness, is not one for complacency, but for a vigorous renewal of efforts to enlarge the resources of the Society, so as to enable it to meet, at least to some good ex. tent, the calls made upon it for extension." Bitish Methodism, we are also very largely II. "That this Committee has heard gious liberty, and protection to Christian with the deepest regret and alarm the itelligence of the opening of a traffic which, there Minister named Strawbridge, who came s great reason to fear, under whatever name from the western part of Ireland-the preto eye in those things which now separate us- which communication Lord Clarendon had strictive forms conducted, will be substan- to learn. The first chapel built in Amebody of Rome, poisoning the system of the Es- sun-fair as the moon, and terrible as an army consideration, and, in a subsequent commu- which was abolished by this country half a far from Virginia. But the first fact of hisnication, that instructions had been given to century since, and which this country has toric interest in connection with American the British Plenipotentiary to secure the ever since been labouring, and with great Methodism occured in 1765, when a little diligence and at a large pecuniary cost, to band of Irish people from the neighborhood suppress, and to induce other countries to of Ballingram, county Limerick, emigrated withdraw from ; under these new and per- to New York. One of them was a local plexing circumstances this Committee can only express its earnest hope that the matties of medicines to the Wesleyan Mission ter will receive the strictest and most vigilant public service until through the exertions of in the friendly Islands ;- the realisation of attention on the part of her Majesty's an Irish lady, who raised subscriptions, a £119,000 as the income of the past year, Government, and its prayer that the great Methodist Church in the city of New York clusion of all other Ministers, except those of the or. Sunday the 9th instant a sermon was and the freedom of the Society from the calamity of the slave trade may yet be avert-

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The meeting would bow with profound sub

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IV. "That the meeting regards with ap

proval and pleasure the design of the Gene

ral Committee, to extend the Missions o

the Society in those vast and populous

regions, India, China, and South and West

Africa, as soon as the state of funds shall war-

rant them in so doing ; but, at the same time

recognizing the necessity of regulating ex-

penditure only by the standard of income,

ty, that the promptness and scale of every

extension must depend on the result of ef-

forts throughout the country to extend the

resources placed at the disposal of the Gene-

An extract each from the speeches of Mr

Farmer and Mr. Heald will conclude our

review. Mr. Farmer said there was an

improvement in the position of the funds of

the Society. They had a very pleasing

aspect as regarded the first portion of the

year. They had received a larger amount

of income than on former occasions, which

was to be ascribed mainly to the promptness

of the friends in the country to make the

response which they so creditably did, to

the appeal of the Committee for early re-

mittances. They had now received between

£5.000 and £6,000 more than on former

occasions, at the same period of the year.

They did not feel that they were trespassing

too much on the kindness of the friends, in

still urging them to bear in mind that, if

they withheld contributions when they were

actually in possession of them, they really

did an injury to the Society and increased

its difficulties ; for it had to pay interest for

£8,000 of borrowed money. The day

would arrive, he hoped, when the receipts

should, in some measure, quadrate with the

payments. He wished to congratulate the

riends on the present state of things, and

on the general aspect of the cause, so far as

they could form an estimate of it, as to its

acceptance in the country, and its operation

abroad; and to say that after all they had

manifestations of the presence of God among

them, which justified their expectations of

His future blessing, and stimulated them to

might do more than he did formerly; and

ral Committee."

t would remind all the friends of the Socie-

sult of his Mission before the Society; and

those laws and orders of the Establishment which present. At night the beautiful grounds it realized £3,000,000 per annum, by caus- very proper it should do, to Mr. Arthur, on It has been thought, however, that the rules and orchestra were tastefully illuminated, ing to be introduced into China, contrary to his return. They did not other him a more might be made stronger, and our last Genethe dists could never so fall back to meet the de- and a display of fireworks closed the festivi- law or treaty, opium; and that they carried hearty welcome, than all present were pre- ral Conference by a very considerable ma thodists come nearly welcome, than all present were pre- har concretence of a complex of the pared to offer him that morning. (Ap- jority voted to make an alteration in the freshments, which, after defraying expenses, to whom that drug had been disposed of - might please God to preserve so valuable stronger than it was. To alter one of our Now upon that Country (Indis.) had fallen a life. He equally rejoiced and wondered general rules, however, requires with us a a tremendous calamity the larger portion of that their two respected Secretaries, Messrs. majority of at least two-thirds of a General for " conversation " with a tew " associants" and if not in a state of revolt was in the Hoole and Osborn, had been enabled to ful- Conference, and three tourths 'of all our " helpers" that he was founding a chirch which hands of an army which was in that state. fil so much of the duties of the Mission- other Conferences. Now, the majority was should one day grow up into the august and Drovincial Wesley of India was a portion of the house, bereft of Mr. Arthur's services. He insufficient to legalise the alteration of the potent assembly at present gathered in Laver community to whem the missionaries had had nothing to learn there of the disposition rule, as many said they had been occupying pool. "Conference" has now become an in not been permitted to have access, if they with which they were ready to do it, but that an anti-slavery platform from the beginning, had had access, converted men would have God had given them the power to do it, was they had set on foot all this anti-slavery sphere as wate as the world its opmion a had to leave the army; and if a christian a matter of gratitude. In looking at the movement, they had been the means o had been introduced to that army with a position of the Missions in China and India. liberating thousands of slaves, and they preview of joining it, he would have been re- he hoped the friends would not forget the ferred to rest where their fathers stood, and jected because he was a christian. Of course beloved brethren who were exposed, as they where their brethren in England and Irehe now referred to the native regiments .- must continue to be; to very great perils, in land stood, and were unwilling to make an It was an opinion of the native Mission- the prosecution of the duties assigned to alteration in the rule, although a majority aries in India, that if the Government thirty them; and that they would continue to were willing to take a still stronger ground years ago would have permitted christians to pray that God might bless and spare them. than they at present occupied. But because we made no alteration but adhered to the old platform, we have been accused in some

Bishop Simpson, in his address before the brethren, for though we disclaim all inter-Irish Conference recently, said: 1 appear before the meeting as one of the Represenpreach so as to interfere with domestic relatatives of American Methodism. I have long felt a deep interest in Ireland, where tionists; they call meetings around the bormy father was born, and where my grandfather was one of the early Methodists in mobs against us, and take our churches the days of Mr. Wesley. From my boyhood I have been familiar with the story of the struggles, and persecutions, and successes many years was indicted by the Grand intended to hold our Conference in Missouri. connected as it has been with the history of but a short time before the Conference was "The memory of the just shall be blessed." obligations to British Methodism. We look said "they neither wanted Bishop Simpson of our ecclesiastical system, and from Brit ish Methodism we have received comfort. was sent to Missouri, and because he came and aid, and counsel at all times during our from the north, and was known as an anti-Minister who preached in our country was a widow and two children to lament his loss cise locality I have not been able accurately pany where he went to preach; he was rica was built by Robert Strawbridge not tant place, and then sent out of the State .-Others, with pistols presented to their breasts, were ordered to leave the country. Such is the reception we meet with amongst some of the slave bolding population. The know how to understand our principles, and yet I have been sorry to find that in some Minister, but on arriving at New York they sections of the country we are not underfound no place of worship, and they had no

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LIVERPOOT, August 16, 18 Our one hundred and fourteenth. Couters is now drawing to a close. Lattle thought John Wesley when more than 1 or hims and he was stitution of the country. Its resolutions have a quoted with profound respect in Senales,- and it is unquestionably the most influential ecclesion astical assembly in the land. "Convention" has more splendour of circumstance .- but " Contact ence" has the mightier power.

Methodism in Liverpool holds a very influen. tial position, though not proportionate to the area of the town and the extent of the population. Romanism prevails to a lamentable extent among the bordes of Irish who infest the lower neigh bourhoods,-and who are doubtless chained to The slavé-holders know how to regard our poverty and squalid misery by the very system which professes to enlighten and bless them meddling whatever, and though we do not The streets are thronged in some places with priests whose sleek and shaven faces, and faulttions, the slave-holders regard us as aboliless clothing contrast sadly with the filth and der States, give us notice to leave, raise rags of the miserable devotees from whose poverty they drain the supplies which pamper from us. Our brethren are driven from their greed of luxury and power. We could many localities because it is alleged they | not but feel thankful to God, when arriving in

several influential towns, Liverpool is always able to hold a large Conference. We have al most five hundred ministers at present in the town,-and it is no small amusement to see them flocking into Moss Street every morning from almost every point of the horizon. B to be held they called a public meeting and give us notice that if we came to that Con- tween eight and nine o'clock, A. M., every train, erence there they would not be answerable every boat, every omnibus, and almost every for our safety, as they did not think we cab seems to contain a Methodist preacher.could hold it without our lives being in jeo- white neckerchiefs tied in every conceivable pardy. I certainly should have gone, and fashion, and black coats of all possible " cuts," many of our brethren would have gone, but fairly monopolize the streets. Well might an we had not enough to compose the Confer- Irish girl whom we passed one day, in company ence, and we were obliged to transfer it to with some brother ministers, exclaim, " What a a place where we should not meet with so sight of parsons !" much opposition. The organ of the Church

The Conference assembled on the last Wed South in order to give me a formal greeting nesday of July,-the retiring President opening the session with the hyum commencing ' And nor any other abolitionist to come into that are we yet alive," &c. It was a solenin song land." One of the Ministers under my charge Few eves were tearless, for as we looked round we missed many a well known face. The va cant chair of William Barton in the front of the slavery Minister, he was seized under false platform spoke sadly to all hearts. He used to pretences in the pulpit, bound in the depth winter upon a horse, and sent out of the be the busiest man of the Conference, but has State. The result was his death, leaving a work was done. Prayer having been offered. accompanied by deep and earnest responses, the Another was taken in the midst of a com-Legal Hundred, whose numbers had been thin ned by superannuation and death, were filled overed with tar and dragged away to a disup, three ministers being chosen by ballot, for distinguished service, and five entering by seniority. Then came the voting for president. It is generally pretty well known upon whom the lot will fall .- the feelings of the Brethren being indicated by the cheering of favorite candidates, in the preparatory Committees. This year how ever, these indications were far less marked. stood; our enemies have represented us as Two names were before the Connexion, and advocating pro-slavery principles. As to both were regarded with favour by all. Mr our Missionary efforts, I may say that we Bowers, the excellent governor of Didsbury Thehave been a Missionary Society from the ological Institution would undoubtedly have fill d the chair on the ground of seniority us to keep pace with the wants of our own West, but the latter was Superintendent of one scattered population, and we were conseof the Liverpool circuits, and as a compliment quently unable for some time to undertake not only to him but the Liverpool friends, it seemmore regular Missions. We have now, ed probable that be would command the majorihowever, Missions to the Indians, and in the Oregon territory ; in Germany, and Sweden, ty of the votes. A feeling of delicacy arising from these circumstances prevented any distinct expression of favouritism .- It was interesting to watch the countenances of the two candidates Mr. Bowers, as though he were the most unconcerned member of the Conference, was engaged By the kindness of Bey, G. R. Sanderson in animated conversation with one of the brethren Book Steward at Toronto, we are favored with a copy of the Minutes of the Conference of the But Mr. West's attempt at nonchalance was Vesleyan Methodist Church in Canada. The complete failure. The nervous twitching, the rogress of this Church is well depicted in the restless eye, the entire ill-at-ease appearance in lowing paragraph extracted from the Address dicated clearly enough that he was deeply in.

ordained, however holy and however useful they have been in the conversion of sinners 'to God. They must be rejected by the Establishment, though it is evident that they have been called demeaned themselves with the quietness Queen Elizabeth, for till then Diocesan Episco- and satisfaction. pacy was never considered essential to constitute Ministry, but Presbyterian Ministers or those of the Protestant Churches of the continent were admitted to officiate with the Ministers of the Church of England." The Church then must renounce Diocesan Episcopacy as essential to the Ministry, and receive all Scriptural Presbyters or Bishops to her Communion proclaiming the cheering truth, "His banner as duly authorised Ministers of Christ .- | over them is Love "-the teachers and scho-She must cleanse from her communion all lars chanting the praises of Him who in the Romanistic Tractarians, Germanistic Rational- days of His flesh said, "Suffer little children ists, and Anglican Puseyites, and retain none

of such is the kingdom of God. but Evangelical Ministers and their communicants;-so that the Church may answer its own definition of what constitutes a Church, which is sweetest song, saying,-"a congregation of faithful men, in which the pure word of God is preached and the sacra-

ments duly administered," for only in such a Church could the Methodists live and grow .--And Mr. Wesley in his day declared that he

would not give over his flock to any that did not gathering, "both young men and maidens, come up to the above definition of a true church. I old men and children." We were strongly "I have neither power nor right," he remarked, " to dispose of them contrary to their own consciences. Does Mr. C. or you think that the me what pastor I shall use. If they present one whom I know God has never sent, am I obliged to receive him? If he be sent of God, can I receive him with a clear conscience till I know he is? And even when I do, if I believe my for- Lord !

mer pastor is more profitable to my soul, can I leave him without sin ? or has any man in England a right to require this of me?" They would edibles provided for them by the generosity have to admit of Lay-preaching, for, remarks of their teachers and friends. After the

without stopping Lay-preaching, the case is clear, we cannot stop it at all." They would have to receive Methodist Ministers without reordination, and their flocks without re baptism, short and appropriate speeches were deliand consider their ordination and their baptism vered by the Rev. Mr. Pope and the Minisvalid.

They would be required to institute Class meetings with Lay Leaders, male and femalelove feasts and prayer meetings.

They would have to allow extempore preaching and extempore prayer in the Church.

Thus far at least the Church would have to advance to gain the Methodists. Let us see what and the visitors and friends scattered to the Methodists would have to fall back from- their respective homes, evidently much we might answer in a word from all that constitutes Methodism of the 19th Century in particular. They would be required to sit no more under the ministry where they were first enlightened and brought to God and where they have a thousand times been edified and comfortedto listen no more to the earnest sermons and warm exhortations of our Lay Brethren, no more to hold communion with their Methodist Bre thren in their prayer meetings-class meetings, love-feasts, watch night services, and covenant meetings-in those blessed means of grace, where they " the men of grace have found glory begun below." They would have to forego entering and taking part in our missionary meet ings and Sunday Schools, and collectors for the Heathen must collect no more for the Wesleyan Missionary Society although God has through St. John and the surrounding country favorher agency converted thousands of heathens. and they would have to enter the Church and hear it may be a Tractarian, a Pusevite, a

rationalist, or perchance an orthodox or Evan-gelical. They would have as ministers to preach ript and pray from a prayer book,

preached in behalf of the Wesleyan Sabbath eht which had for so long a period encumhave not been Episcopally School in this city, and a good col bered its operations ;- the death of the Rev. was taken up in aid of the funds of the Daniel West while on a deputation to Wesinstitution. There were nearly three hundred tern Africa ;- the circumstances unfolded by children present on the occasion, all of whom the report of Mr. West on the financial position of the Cape Coast Mission ;- the transof God and employed by Him in the adding to order, and attention of professing Christians lation of a book of Arithmetic and selections and building up of the true Church of Christ .- of maturer age. The singing of the chilfrom Mr. Wesley's Sermons into Samoan,-This exclusiveness on the part of the Church dren under the direction of Brother James of the Communion service into Chinese, of did not appear " until far on in the reign of Moore, was executed with great propriety five books of the Old Testament into Cana-

ese, of Dr. Barth's short history of the On Thursday the 13th inst., the scholars, Church into Tongese, &c. ;- the preparanumbering two hundred and fifty, met in tion of a life of the late Rev. D. West the Church and walked from thence in prowhich would prove a valuable addition to cession through the town, accompanied by existing Missionary literature ;- the supplytheir Minister, Superintendent and Teachers ing of 21 vacancies for Missionaries, the -the children bearing dags with appropriaverage cost of whose outfit would not exate mottoes, such as, "Early Days," &c., ceed £2.000;-and the expression of the &c. One flag rose high over all the rest, Committee's high sense of the valuable services of the Secretaries; which last item was read by the Rev. John Scott. The Rev Dr. Hoole then rose and said-

Having, in calling over the names of the to come unto me, and forbid them not, for Committee, mentioned the name of Dr. Bunting, he felt asssured the brethren pre-It was pleasant and joyous to have parents sent would allow him a few minutes to refer and teachers, old and young, all unite in to that venerable man. He (Dr. Hoole) was confined to the house on Saturday last. and on Sunday, by temporary indisposition.

"O, I long for the joys of that glorious time, The sweetest, the brightest, the best, When dear little children, of every clime, Shall come to His arms and be blest " On Sunday evening he received a message from Dr. Bunting, that if he were too unwell They soon arrived at Kensington, one of

to go to Dr. Bunting's house, he (Dr. B.) nature's lovely spots-just suited for such a would get a cab and visit him. IIe (Dr. H.) immediately went over, and found Him, as regarded his health, suffering great pain, reminded of the prayer of David, when he but cheerful in spirits, and evidently with cried, "Rid me and deliver me from the very considerable spiritual enjoyment .hand of strange children, whose mouth The Dr. gave him a message for the Con-King and Parliament have right to prescribe to speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a ference, and another for the Theological right hand of falsebood: that our sons may Institution Committee, which he bound to Institution Committee, which he hoped to be as plants grown up in their youth,-that deliver when these bodies assembled. He our daughters may be as corner-stones polalso took the opportunity of talking over ished after the similitude of a palace."with him the affairs of the Missionary So-"Happy is that people whose God is the ciety, and he, (Dr. Hoole) thought it due

that two or three particulars, arising out of At half-past three the children were libethat conversation, should be mentioned to rally regaled, and evidently enjoyed the the Committee on the present occasion --First, he thought it right to torn the attention of the Committee to the fact that, ac-Mr. Wesley, "If we can't stop a separation children had done ample justice to the good cording to the plan laid down in the minutes things before them, a very large number of just read, it was not intended, during the visitors partook of that beverage which present year, to incur any great additional cheers but not inebriates. After tea, suitexpense. There was, therefore, no probaable pieces were sung by the children, and bility that they would this year get into difficulty. They had, indeed, even now, to borrow money; but they were not likely to ter on the Circuit. ncrease the expenditure over the amount of

Solemn prayer was offered to the Great ncome. He thought it right that the Com-Head of the Church for His blessing to mittee should know that fact. At the same descend upon the children of our people time, looking at Western Africa, he thought and upon the officers and teachers of the that next he should mention what he (Dr. Sabbath School. After the benediction H.) learned from good authority last week, was pronounced, loud and repeated cheers that the plan for the transportation of negroes were given for her Majesty Queen Victoria, to the West Indies was now in active operation-that at the receipt of the last advices not fewer than six thousand negroes were pleased with the entertainment. assembled at Lagos to be transported by The scholars marched in order to the French merchants,-that amongst these

Church, and were dismissed by the Miniswere 300 Kroomers, who had signed, as ter. It was a day not soon to be forgotten they thought, to go to the Gaboon River; by the lambs of the flock. but when they had signed it they were told I. Yours truly, that they had signed an agreement to go to

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Festival at Fredericton.

known, and that the country should hear go forward, each man considering how he A grand festival was held on Wednesday something of the sentiment of the Committhe 12th inst. by the Wesleyans of Fredericton and their friends in the grounds of the sionary at Lagos was a short time ago oblig-Hon. Judge Wilmot. The weather was ed to leave on account of ill health; had he most propitious, and equal to our sanguine remained there, he might perhaps have done expectations. The sun shone brilliantly,

to aim at that period when, as was anticitee on the matter. The Wesleyan Mispated, their receipts would not be bounded by £120,000 but would even realise £150,-000. Mr. Heald said, a chequered scene had something to save some of these poor peoand the heat was tempered by a gentle ple from the trap into which they had fallen. breeze. A large number of friends from At all events it was evident that no time should be lost in sending a successor to Mr.

the West Indies for a term of eight years.

It was very desirable that the nefarious

character of these proceedings should be

stances. the ranks of their Missionary host. tical bodies. We are known there,-for ed the festival with their presence and sup- Gardiner, and in increasing the number of He sympathised with the Committe most we extend to some of the Southern States port, and in the course of the day about 2,000 Missionaries on that part of the coast; for heartily in their announcement of the death -as being very anti-slavery in our feelings persons visited the gardens and grounds, for Missionaries were the only friends of ne- of Mr. West. The loss of such a man at although we do not meddle with the politiwhose reception and entertainment Judge groes there. It was also thought desirable any period of the history of the Church cal aspects of this question at all. Wilmot, with his accustomed kindness and that he should call the attention of the Com- would be a great one; but the loss of the Methodist church in America was the first in the Charlottown District are hereby notified generosity, had made every needful provi- mittee to facts which had transpired since Society in his death, of such a peculiar kind church in the world, so far as I know, to ion. The band of the 76th Regt. was in the last Minutes had been written,-chiefly and at such a moment, was one which was introduce into its rules one which forbids and as a Lasty to bury their extemporaneous attendance during the day, and, with the in regard to India. It should be remember-talents in the forms prescribed in the Church's prayer book and both would be bound down to rich treat for all lovers of music who were time for the government of India, by which thanks and offering a welcome, which it was our rules from 1789 to the present time. thanks and offering a welcome, which it was our rules from 1789 to the present time,-

was shortly after erected. Before the erec-beginning, but it required great efforts from was proceeding, they sent a message to Mr. III. "That the meeting feels it to be a Wesley asking him for men and means. solemn duty to place upon record its sense The result was, that in 1769 two men were of the self-sacrificing conduct of the late Rev sent over, and Mr. Wesley transmitted in Daniel West, in undertaking, at the request the name of Methodism in this country £50. of the Society, a Mission in which his own and thus commenced the work of Methodism life was placed in manifest peril; as also of in America. For all we have achieved we he distinguished faithfulness, talent, and are, under God, indebted to Irish Methoindness with which he discharged the very dism ; and is it not proper that American

and Norway.

n England :-

m Advocate :--

Canada Conference.

Methodism should send back its gratulations to you? In this country I learn your numbers are comparatively small; you have difficulties to contend with of which we have no knowledge. The field is open before us. Our labours, I can assure you, my brethren, have by no means been in vain in the Lord and American Methodism sends us as representatives to-day of no small body of people. The church in America was regularly organised in 1784 under the direction of John Wesley, and now we have in membership

with us, connected with our north section of the church, 800,327 persons. We have in connection with our Conferences - of which there are 49 in connection with us, one being in Africa, one in Germany, and one n California and Oregon, leaving us in the more central portions of our country, 46 regular annual Conferences,-5,877 travell-

or almost the entire, of the southern States seceded from our communion, and organised themselves into a separate church, because of our opposition to the system of slavery; and that southern Methodist Episcopal Church embraces 630,000 members. Then we have some smaller branches of Methodism, which, adding the numbers altogether, hundred." will make one million and a half of people in actual communion with the different branches of the Methodist Church in America. Our entire population includes probably between 27 and 28 millions of people. The religious community next to us in point of numbers is that of the Baptists, who come very near our numbers, having over a million, and very nearly 1,200,000 members. The next are the Presbyterians of the different schools, including Congregationalists, numbering 500,000. The next are the Protestant Episcopalians, answering to your Church of England, and numbering 120,000, and there are a number of smaller bodies of Christians scattered over our land. The Roman Catholics claim a population of two or three millions. Rather an astonishing fact came to light six or seven years ago, that the Methodist churches number almost one-third of the entire cnurches of the United States. We occupy 19,000 preaching places; Baptists, 15,000; Presbyterians, 6,000; Episcopalian Protestants, 1,200; Roman Catholics, 1,500. Such is the strength of the various denominations in our land. In addition I may say there are 600,000 children in regular training in our Sabbath schools receiving religious instruc-

cause of these assaults. tion, and whom we are endeavouring to bring up in the nurture and fear of the Lord. It is proper I should state that there that the design is to injure not us personally. is no official connection between us and the Methodist Church South, as it is called.

Personally, we are friendly when we meet but the great question of slavery has probeen pourtrayed before them ;-death had duced such a feeling between us that there severest persecution; and, as a denomination, entered, under very melancholy circum- is no official connexion between our ecclesiasforce and his associates.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN DISTRICT .- The Superintendents of Circuits and Circuit-stewards The that the Financial Meeting for that District will be held at Wallace on Thursday, the 24th Sept., Missionary territory than any man in the world's at 9 o'clock A. M.

JOHN MCMURRAY, Chairman.

terested in the votes which were being counted of the Conference to the Wesleyan Conference with almost provoking sang froid by the retiring President-at leangth amid breathless suspense " The ten years which have transpired since the President rose, and after reading a long list the ratification of our present happy union with of smaller names, with votes ranging from one you, and during which you have been called to to six, announced Francis A. West as the suc

pass through so great a fight of afflictions, have cessful candidate. The election of Secretary proved to us, by the blessing of God upon that awoke less interest, though to the surprise of arrangement, a period of undisturbed and unin- many, the Rev. John Farrar polled a larbe terrupted prosperity. In 1857 our Conference number of votes. Dr. Hannab, however, gain work was divided into six Districts, which are ed the day.

The new President having taken the Chair. now increased to twenty. Then there were ninety-eight Circuits; now we have 240, Then our and received the insignia of office from the retiring Ministers. Associated with these are 6,718 Local Ministers, making a total of Ministers numbered 180; now we have \$50 ing President, the chapel doors were thrown 12,595 Ministers of the Gospel. This is Then we had 21#49 Members in Society; now open, and for ten minutes there poured in a flood not all of Methodism in America. You are we number 42,055,-our increase for the last of laity, who had been perspiring and crowding perhaps aware that some thirteen years ago, year being 2,140. In 1847 the contributions to outside the gates for a full hour. The fair sex owing to the strong position which our our Auxiliary Missionary Society were not quite always maintain a considerable position on these Church deemed it right to take against the three thousand pounds; we anticipate they will, occasions; but this year it was cheering to see a extension of slavery among us, the whole, this year, reach twelve thousand pounds. There great number of the other sex, who had doubt has been a like advance in our Connexional ess left their shops and counting-bouses, and Funds-in the number of pupils and books in some humbler ones their tools of toil, to mingle our Sabbath Schools-in the number and cha- their prayers with the great congregation of the racter of our places of worship-and the students Ministers of God. As the clock struck the hour and pupils in our Victoria College has increased of 12, and the new President rose to announce from less than one hundred to more than three the page of the hymn with faltering voice, the

scene presented by the congregation was one of deepest interest. The Conference chapel is in the form of an amphitheatre. A large platform Bishop Simpson writes to the Western Chris. for the officials is raised before the pulpit; and

in front and on either side there rises tier after A tew men, some of whom are Unitarian in tier of pews, thus doing away with that division entiment, and others are infidels, have been of the audience which is made by a gallery, as very busy in writing against Dr. M'Clintock and myself, as the pro-slavery representatives well as giving to the whole a more commanding of a pro-slavery Church. I learn, slso, that and compact appearance. There stood the new they have received communications from Ameri- President, spare and slight in form, - of middle ca, which, I suppose, have stimulated them to height, --with a broad thoughtful brow, --a wanactivity. Persons connected with other denomdering eye,-a countenance sallow and sugges. nations-those, too, of high standing in their tive of a highly nervous temperament,-a well-Churches-and some who claim to be very shaped head, thinly covered with greyish hair. friendly to us when it is their interest so to be -the Primate of all the Methodists! It was -have secretly sought to poison the British quite impossible to realise at the time that that public against us. Their coadjutors have gone slight personage was the presiding head of one so far as to get resolutions passed at anti-slavery of the most extensive religious communities.meetings requesting the Wesleyan Conference not to receive us. Papers, too, in the inand possessed of more spiritual power than any terest of Catholics, and those sympathizing with Bishop or Archbishop of the Established Church the Independents, have admitted communica- On the desk before him were the insignia of his tions attacking us. Bnt all their efforts have office-the Conference Seal, the key of the Consignally failed. Every-where we have been ference desk, the pocket Bible from which by received and treated as the messengers of the sea and land, from grassy mounds and grey Church, and as brethren beloved, for our mistomb-stones,-from cottage-doors and marketsion sake. Nor have we met a Christian of crosses,-in deaths oft, Juhn Wesley was wont any denomination, much less a Wesleyan, who to preach the Word of Life. That very book has evinced any lack of fraternal sympathy bewas, under God, one of the most powerful instruments of England's regeneration. On the right Some of the principal Wesleyans here think of the Chair sat the Rev. Robert Young, Ex-President of the Conference-whose portly and but the cause of Wesleyanism. But, fortunately, it occupies too high ground, historically, to manly form contrasted strangely with the spare be affected by such efforts. The men are still proportions of his successor in office. No one living who, in the West Indies, suffered the could look upon him without the strongest interest. Apart from his physical aspect, his finely they received the high compliments of a Wilber- chiselled features, expressive of indomitable courage and firmness,-his eye, capable of the lightning's play, and yet melting with caim benevo-

lence,-one could not but remember that for long years he had been the representative of Methodistical evangelization, - the preacher whose ministrations had always been associated with revivalism, and who had traversed more history. As we looked upon him sitting in quiet and modest dignity we could not forget that

tation present Conference hensive, and charac'erize generous s America to to British every whit, just such a adapted to t gelism. It countenance of power. yet truly sai Then follow and handso passages of question, of to quaint a in contempt cast upon t Trans-Atlan Albert Bai on a pair o come up t States !] less eyes a thy, bùt wh found him England. seemed to h tween laugh we listened power. On stirred us t kee tongue year in the all England tiful compe him the glas among us; talents, and Bishop Sin Chapel, on event . in building wa of Minister seats. From overcometh gave us a d

