

KAWAY preached an excellent sermon, grounded upon our Lord's Commission to His Disciples,—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, &c." The Public Meeting was held on the following evening; the chair was occupied by Dr. JOHNSON, and the platform was supplied with the Ministers of two other denominations, who, with the Circuit Preachers and some of the Lay brethren, advocated the noble cause of the world's evangelization. During each of the nights of the same week, Saturday excepted, similar meetings were held in the principal country places, and with pleasing results.

The "Youths' Branch Missionary Society" held their Annual Meeting on the 19th inst., the preparatory sermon having been preached by the Superintendent of the Circuit, on the previous evening. The young men of the Church came nobly forward, and for nearly three hours, during which eleven speeches were delivered, they sustained to its close the interest of the Meeting. The collections were all good, and in several instances they outstripped those of previous years.

The Missionary Collectors are now out among the people, doing their important work, and the result will prove, I trust, fully equal to that announced in the last year's report.

In common with several of the other Circuits in the District, we have been blessed during the past winter with tokens of the Divine presence. A few have been awakened and converted in our Town Meetings, and at Tracadie road, several others have cast in their lot with us; but at Pownal, where Brother STARR is zealously labouring, there has been a more general outpouring of the Spirit, so that we have received within a few weeks past more than sixty persons upon trial for membership among us. Our borders are enlarging in every direction, and although there are three Ministers on this part of the Island, in addition to our beloved Brother STRONG, yet more of the same class are necessary to carry the Gospel Message to those who desire to listen to the distinctive doctrines of our Church. Our numerous staff of Local Preachers are taking their share of the work in and around the Circuit town; but the outskirts they can scarcely reach, while there are many settlements beyond the present limits of the Circuit, where, the Ministers of our own body would be gladly received. Anxious to provide for the spiritual wants of their fellow-Islanders, as well as to furnish their quota of pecuniary help in the Missionary enterprise, our Quarterly Meeting has nobly engaged not only to meet current expenses, but to support an additional Minister, if one can be obtained, and then to provide for a corresponding number of married men at the expiration of four years.

Yours,

F. SMALLWOOD.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 28, 1852.

For the Wesleyan.

Sackville and Dorchester Circuit, N. B.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I am sure that yourself and many of your subscribers will be pleased to learn that the Lord has graciously visited our Zion in Dorchester. In this place many of our fathers and mothers "in Israel," had long stood forth, as the witnesses of the faithfulness of God. But the most of them have "slept in Jesus," and in looking around upon our congregation, I have frequently felt the force of our poet's interrogatory—

"Where shall I wander now to find
The successors they left behind?
The faithful, whom I seek in vain,
Are 'minish'd from the sons of men.'"

True the Lord had left us a "small remnant." A few still continued, who loved our Zion and anxiously desired her prosperity. And although with us it was indeed the day of small and feeble things, yet the God of Jacob did not forsake us. Several of our congregation and people had died in the Lord, and from our little sanctuary, the truth of God continued to go forth. Yet, alas! with many of the people, Methodism had become out of fashion; and the beloved children of our people had not turned unto the God of their fathers.

After much prayerful consideration, I determined to hold some special services. Last month we commenced our contemplated meetings; and various circumstances at the commencement, tended to render our prospects by no means the most cheering. We continued our efforts many days without witnessing much to encourage us; but that God who is faithful and true, regarded our supplications. We may well exclaim with the evangelical prophet, "Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things." Many, through boundless grace, "who, in time past, were not a people, are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." They can affirm—"Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." In our meetings, as on many like occasions, we felt most anxiously during what may perhaps be designated in protracted meetings, the crisis; this was a season of earnest pleadings with God, but it was one also of resistance. The impressive and admonitory truths of God, were declared:—"Woe unto him that striveth with his maker." "He that being

often reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be cut off and that without remedy." The consequences of sin were also set forth as depicted by the Wise Preacher—"And thou mourn at the last when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, and say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined my ear to them that instructed me." Happy for the people the voice of the Lord was ultimately regarded. They heard, they turned to the divine testimonies. "They made haste and delayed not to keep his commandments." This was the season of victory; and many will with continued gratitude exclaim—

"O happy day that fix'd my choice
On thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad."

The most of those who have been gathered into the Church of God during this blessed work, are the children of our dear people,—the special subjects of the prayerful anxieties, of both my predecessors and myself. I am sure my dear brethren in the ministry will greatly rejoice in this circumstance. Christian parents, take courage to present your dear children, to our God, in continued prayer.

We are now making such church arrangements, as will enable us to watch over the souls, now committed to our care; and it will be our continued effort so to instruct them, that, through the grace of God, they may "hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." We feel indeed that it is a great triumph, to witness the conversion of sinners to God; but also a greater still, to behold them continuing "faithful unto death."

Our friends are exceedingly anxious to have a young man stationed in Dorchester, and in case the District Meeting, can grant this request, I am confident, that much good will result from such arrangement.

Many, many are yet without the blessings of personal salvation, and others we fear have merely a name to live, but providing we can secure the services of an active young man to reside with the people, we have no doubt but that much good throughout the township will be accomplished.

Whatever may be the result of an application for help from the District; with reference to what has already taken place in Dorchester, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

I am glad also to record the pleasing fact, that in the course of several week-evening services, held in commemoration of our successful meetings last year in Sackville, the Lord the Spirit, has again visited us in the conversion of souls, and in the quickening and comforting of his people in the way. Our young people continue to hold fast, and as long as this is the case, we have no fears of their leaving the rich and verdant pastures of our beloved Methodism. O that they may continue to cherish (not a dead) but that "lively hope" by which they have been begotten of God.

In the work at Dorchester I have been kindly assisted by several excellent brethren. At the commencement, Messrs. JOHNSON and ALLEN came to our help, but the pressing wants of their Circuits rendered their stay but short. Brothers DESBRISAY and DONKIN from the Academy also rendered us valuable aid. At that stage of our meetings in which the most help was necessary, Brother Desbrisay was unable through severe affliction, to come over; and Brother PICKARD's various duties at the Institution deprived us of his services. But in the time of need, two excellent brethren from the Nova Scotia District, Rev. Messrs. BEALS and GATES, came to my assistance. As these brethren had come from the immediate scene of continued revivals on their own Circuits; they came in all the fullness of the blessings of the gospel of Christ. In the success of those border brethren we greatly rejoice, and I must say that to myself, it is a subject of peculiar pleasure, that the laborious and successful Brother W. C. Beals was a member of this District. Wishing you every blessing in your great work, I am your's, &c.

JAMES G. HENNINGER.

Sackville, N. B., March 29, 1852.

For the Wesleyan.

Liverpool Circuit.

MR. EDITOR,—As the Wesleyan appears to be the organ for making known to the Christian public the prosperity of our beloved Methodism, amidst all the persecution with which she is assailed, I feel happy in having to inform you that the work of God in the Wesleyan Church at Mill Village is steadily advancing. In October last, God graciously revived his people in that place, and added to his Church many who are "Walking in all his ways," and find "Their Heaven on earth begun."

Early in March, Rev. Mr. WEDDALL commenced another series of religious services in that place, and with the aid of some of our zealous and devoted friends at the Village, we were enabled to continue these services a fortnight, during which time many of our people were greatly blessed, eleven unhappy wanderers have been brought back to the fold from which they had strayed, and nine others, we trust, have also

found peace with God through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tumbling Dam.—This thriving little settlement, about a mile from Mill Village, situated on the western side of the M. Village River, was visited by God in his convincing and saving power in February last. Some in this place, who were enemies to God and strangers to the blessings of salvation, have not only been convinced that the way of sin is the road to death, but also have been enabled, through the aid of the Holy Spirit, to believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ to the salvation of their souls. Eighteen have been added to our Church here who are evidencing in their daily walk that the Gospel of Christ is the power of God to the salvation of souls.

Through the columns of the Wesleyan, a paper, welcomed by hundreds of Christian families for the peculiarly interesting information which it contains, we receive almost every week the heart cheering intelligence, that God is reviving his work in almost every place where the good seed has been sown; while we rejoice in hearing of other Churches being revived, the Wesleyan Church has had, during the present year, many unmistakable proofs that God is in her midst, and that she is coming forth out of all her trials, and appearing "Fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

"Jesus let all thy lovers shine,
Illustrous as the sun;
And bright with borrow'd rays divine,
Their glorious circuit run."

G. A. PARSONS.

Liverpool, May 4, 1852.

THE WESLEYAN.

Halifax, Saturday Morning, May 15, 1852.

We have with-held editorial matter, prepared for this number, to make room for religious and other intelligence brought by the R. M. Steamer *Canada*, as the greater part of the general news especially will have lost much of its interest if delayed until next week. Many of our readers, perhaps, see no other paper, and therefore we feel it right to pay some attention to their reasonable expectations. The news of this week, will, on the whole, be found interesting. We advise our readers generally, not to pass over this department of our paper as if nothing new could appear in the *Wesleyan*. We select our general intelligence from sources, which enable us to give many items of interest, before, or as soon as, they find their way in Provincial Papers of a secular character.

The original matter, and the religious intelligence, contained in this number, will be found interesting. We thank our correspondents for their attention, and solicit a continuance of their valuable and highly appreciated aid.

The correspondence under the heading of "Ecclesiastical," is concluded in this number; and from intimations received, we have reason to believe that the perusal of it has been a source of gratification. It will tend, at least, to make us prize more than ever an enlarged Christianity, which overlooks minor and non-essential differences, and recognizes the great and fundamental principles of vital religion, wherever they exist.

We have several communications on hand, which shall receive early attention.

We hope the Brethren and other friends have attentively read the "Important Notice," respecting our contemplated improvements. We may here say that Vol. IV. will be materially enlarged. The sheet will be of such a size as to enable us to furnish, week by week, a paper which must, from the varied and interesting articles it will contain, commend itself to the approval of our readers. It will exceed in size all the Provincial papers now published, as far as we know, perhaps with one exception; and, without designing to speak disparagingly of others, it will be our unwearied aim, to make it second to none. When our patrons see the first number in July next, they will wonder, how we can furnish such a paper at so cheap a rate; and we may here say, this can only be done, by a large list of paying subscribers, &c. Unless the additional number we ask be obtained, the experiment will result in loss; but we hope for the best, persuaded, that when Wesleyans and others, see our efforts to furnish a large, well-filled paper, at a very low price, they will nobly come to our aid by subscribing for it, and thereby prevent our office from sustaining pecuniary damage. In the meantime, we shall be encouraged by receiving notices of the success of the Brethren in securing subscribers.

Daily Zion's Herald.

We have received the first three numbers of the *Daily Zion's Herald*, to be continued during the sittings of the General Conference of the M. E. Church now in Session at Boston. It contains ample reports of the doings of the Conference, and will prove a source of great satisfaction to all who take an interest in the affairs of the M. E. Church. No. 2 contains the "Bishops' Address," a valuable and important document, worthy of being seriously and prayerfully read.

Religious Education.

In his speech to the electors of Sunderland, lately, Mr. G. Hudson, M.P., advocated national grants in promotion of education based upon the Bible, observing of himself—"I am a friend of education. I have known the want of it: I forgetful of the duty I owe to those about me!—Any man who says so does me great injustice; but I say again, if education is to be given, let the Bible be the basis of that education. Without father or mother to teach me, or any one to care for me, I have seen enough of the world to know that the basis of all good society, and the well-being of the social state, is a sound religious education."

Bazaar.

We call attention to the advertisement on our last page, in reference to the BAZAAR to be held on Wednesday next, in behalf of the new Wesleyan Church at the South End; and hope the Ladies of the Wesleyan congregation will receive on that occasion another practical proof of the liberality for which the citizens of Halifax are famed. Go—SEE—BUY!

A Returned Mormon.

The Swansea Herald (Eng.) contains the following letter, just received from a Welsh miner, named Evan Powell, who embarked last year, with his wife and family, to join the Mormons in America. It is dated St. Louis, Dec. 7. The deluded victim says—

Myself, together with my wife and child, have been ill here for five months, and now I am somewhat better, but I have lost all my comforts, for I have buried both wife and child, in the same grave, in Illinois. I am now living at Missouri. It is very unhealthy here, and I beg you to use all your influence to persuade my friends to stay where they are, rather than suffer themselves to be blindfolded into such a system of roguery and plunder as Mormonism. It is nothing but a mere humbug—I have found it so to my heart's sorrow. It would have been better for us not to have been born, than to have come here to be Mormons. They will take all from you at home, and starve you when you come here, if they have the chance, and take your wives from you. Their chief, Bingham Young, has twenty-four wives, and nineteen of them have infants at their breasts at present; and those lower in office than he, have a smaller number, in proportion to their office, according to their station. Some have fourteen, some seven, and others different numbers. And now they are trying their best to insult the officers of the United States, who have left their places and gone to Washington, and as Congress is now sitting, we shall hear what it will do.—The Mormons are very unkind to one another. I had to dig my wife's grave myself. She had a decent burial, but the Mormons did not put their hands to help at all. The men who gave them so much money, had promises of land and everything else when they reached here, but they have been left to die in the workhouse. I wish to tell you also, the Sabbath is no more regarded here than any other day. There is gaming of every description here on the Sabbath—such as horse-racing, rolling the ten pins, playing cards, &c.; and the leaders of the Mormons indulge in these to a great extent, together with dancing, swearing, and everything else that is beyond decency.

Bermuda.

We are enabled to state, on the best authority, that the Committee of the Parent Wesleyan Society have decided upon sending hither, a Young Gentleman to supply the vacancy in the Mission occasioned by the removal of the Rev. George Douglas. The name of the Rev. Gentleman has not yet reached the Bermudas, (owing in all probability to no one having been as yet selected) but the General Secretaries have promised to carry into effect the decision of the Committee with as little delay as possible.—*Bermuda Royal Gazette.*