

MR. PUNSHON IN BROOKLYN.

It becomes more and more apparent year by year that William Morley Punshon is in some respects the most distinguished of living Methodist orators. In some elements of oratory he may be rivalled by other brilliant Methodist speakers on both sides of the Atlantic.

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will, however, soon have to frame one for itself. The question involved will ere long become a pressing one. It has become the subject of excited discussion already. Opinion among leading ministers of that great Church is much divided in relation to it.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

The New Chapel at Westminster—Sermons in connection with the Missionary Anniversary—The great meeting in Exeter Hall.

DEAR MR. EDITOR—The new Chapel at Westminster which has for a considerable time been urged upon the attention of the Wesleyan Body, and for which countrywide have been sought in nearly all the Home Circuits of Methodism, is at length completed and has just been dedicated to the public worship of God.

The anniversary of our great Foreign Missionary Society has been a great success, equal to, if not far exceeding the same and prayerful expectations of the people.

In pursuance of the time-honored custom, sermons were preached during the week, before the society, in Centenary Hall, by the President of the Conference, the venerable Dr. Waddy, Rev. S. J. Walker from Manchester, and the well known and beloved Rev. Newman Hall of Surrey Chapel.

His Lordship in his speech expressed his high appreciation of the firm adherence of Methodism to their avowed principles in these days of triumph and transition, and then proceeded to speak of the amazing breadth of the Society's operations in almost every clime, and the purity of the doctrines taught and preached by our Missionaries.

It is the settled policy of the British Conference to render its various missions self-supporting as early as possible, and to group them together in clusters as far as practicable under the guidance of local self-governing Conferences.

Mr. S. D. Waddy, the worthy son of Dr. Waddy, delivered the financial speech of the day. It was a masterly effort, and despite its dry and intensely practical character, held the attention of the audience for an hour, and placed the needed reports in the work of collecting and securing early payments, before the people in eloquent and stirring terms.

brethren, and his speech was interspersed with wit, wisdom, and many appropriate suggestions upon the great work of missions. Then followed the great missionary speech of the day by the Rev. J. Piggott, missionary in Italy.

It is impossible to do justice to this noble speech. Fervid, eloquent, comprehensive, rich in beautiful thought, pathetic in pleading on behalf of his dear field of labor, and abounding in copiously language, together with bright visions of hopefulness, for a regenerated and uplifted Italy, it carried all hearts and will be remembered as one of the many great speeches for which our meetings in Exeter Hall are now so famous.

Mr. Kilner from India, honored and highly successful, had not time to open his budget of weighty truths and rich experience, but other opportunities will be with him in his reach during his stay in England.

The meeting was highly successful, well sustained throughout, and will rank high in the records of the Society, marking the beginning of a new era in the widening operations of the great organization. I shall be gratified if the above fragmentary notices of a great event succeed in drawing your reader's attention to the fuller details and copious reports which your columns will probably furnish.

UNITED STATES CORRESPONDENCE.

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respecting the Book Room reports, Bishop Simpson took the chair. Several special committees were appointed. The Conference then took up the order of the day, namely, the reception of Fraternal Delegates, Rev. Luke H. Wiseman and Wm. Morley Punshon were then introduced as representatives of the British Conference.

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idea of the high admiration we feel in contemplating the magnitude and mightiness of your vast organization throughout this great country—express the unfeigned love we cherish for you, as one with ourselves in your views and experience of Christian truth—and the joyous and grateful pride with which we hail the brilliant success you have achieved in your enterprising efforts to consolidate the great interests committed to your care, and to conquer souls for Christ.

In your prosperity and joy we have prospered and when you have prospered, our own hearts have mingled with yours, especially of late, as the sad and startling intelligence has reached us, from time to time, how, in rapid succession, the insatiate archer had laid low so many of the Episcopal princes of your Israel.

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haunted energies in their native land; on the right of the chair sat the venerable Thomas Jackson, his face radiant with the light of a higher sphere, and on the left sat the noble Lay Treasurer, exulting to receive the financial prosperity of the Society. In the body of the hall were true and noble spirits from various parts of England, from the Punjab, from Australia, from Ireland, from Canada, from Australia, and from other parts, who had come up to see the progress of the work in this country.

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