

Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1872

ALMOST every Heathen and Mahomedan country in the world is now accessible to Christian missionary enterprise. The fact is wonderful. It unmistakably indicates the purpose of Divine Providence in regard to the nations that know not God and enjoy not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

FROM HALIFAX TO MUSQUODOBUIT.

THE ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY are anything but prepossessing. Nature has been working faithfully through many ages, ameliorating, redeeming, ennobling, but she has been powerless against the scars and deformities produced during that cruel Glacial Period, when at least the outlying borders of this Continent were ruthlessly scoured by awful currents of ice.

Yet, every Christian traveller will accept this condition of things with more than stoical resignation. There is a lesson here which philology could never teach—wise design, affecting future human existence. Belting these shores are fishing grounds of rare value, whose resources are only now appearing to the keen eye of Commerce.

What is the inference? God seems to say by this arrangement—Man shall not pursue two different objects. His nature is designed for direct and individual study or labor. He shall not be distracted by dual interests and dual avocations. If a fisherman he shall not be a Farmer, if a Farmer, not also a Fisherman.

Small as is their number absolutely, and still smaller relatively, it is more than doubtful whether they have all been distributed judiciously as they might have been. It is the duty of the Church to do her best toward fulfilling her great commission to preach the gospel to every creature.

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It is hard to say whereunto things will grow ecclesiastically in England. It is startling to learn, that the Bishop of Winchester, the son of that distinguished evangelical layman, William Wilberforce, a weak and feeble man, has been appointed a noted evangelical Episcopal clergyman of Clerkenwell, London, from delivering a course of lectures setting forth the claims of the Church of England as a Protestant Church in opposition to the Church of Rome, in an Episcopal church in Southwark, though his Rector and churchwardens were most anxious to have them delivered in it.

NOBLE LIBERALITY.—That was a good work done for education by the California Methodist preachers, at the late session of their Conference. Out of their poverty they subscribed \$25,000 to endow a chair in their university, some of them giving their notes for their subscriptions. The few laymen present were prompted by this good example to subscribe \$44,000 more.

THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND Collection is ordered by Conference for December. There are certain features of the history of this Fund which ought to be known for our praise and our shame. How it happens that some Districts and Circuits improve, in other respects, and fall in this is a mystery. And why some Circuits

continue persistently to decline in supporting this Fund, while others, less wealthy and vigorous in many respects, make regular advance,—who can tell?

Ten years ago we raised, with 113 Ministers, \$239,282. St. John's District with 37 Ministers added, has increased its contributions from \$112 to \$248. Truro District, with two ministers added, shows an improvement of from \$49 to \$69. P. E. I. District, with 4 added to its staff has District has progressed from \$58 to \$95, though it has received but two additional members. Liverpool District is not so easily estimated, owing to several changes in its territory during the last decade, but it seems to have received a larger amount, and increased from \$70 to \$105. Sackville District, with five added to its Ministers, has barely held its own as regards this Fund; while Annapolis District with three men added, has fallen off from \$64 to \$55, and Newfoundland, with only an increase of \$20 last year.

Newfoundland may be excused on account of commercial reverses, yet it has increased its amounts for Foreign Missions, for the Educational Fund, and very notably for Home Missions. And it has fallen off one thing to the Work On Ministers. How is this? There are several principal circuits which give less for the support of Ministers and the Widows of Ministers who have lived and laboured for the great advantage of those nations, although they have had the same opportunities, and the same aid of the foreign missions were gratifying.

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BROTHER ADDY'S ADDRESS.—Bro. Addy's address was replete with information, instructive and pathetic. It was refreshing to listen to his earnest words and fervent appeals. Our youthful Bro. Weddall was very happy and successful in his address. Among the things he uttered in his pleasing style, he told an anecdote, which I regard as too good to be passed over in silence. Two uneducated ladies recently saw affixed to a preacher's name the words A. M., and they were very anxious to know the meaning of it. One of them said: "What is that?" "It is A. M., and means after Money, for these Methodists are great fellows to get money from the people."

PERSONS WISHING TO OBTAIN them, had better send at once either to the Book Room at Halifax, or to myself at "Canning."

Circuit Intelligence.

YARMOUTH NORTH.—The inevitable removal of this Circuit, the Methodist society of itinerant subjects Wesleyan ministers at least once in three years, has in my own case, in consequence of building or the purchase of a new house, taken place, longer than six circuits, being supplemented by many extra removals.

In taking possession of the new parsonage in this circuit, the toil and inconvenience of removal have been, by the kindness of the ladies of Wesley Church, reduced to a minimum. No expense and no labour have been spared or stinted in preparing the new house for occupation.

PORT HAWKESBURY (HOME MISSION). NOV. 1872.—Nothing very remarkable has occurred since coming to this field of labor, and we have been in a quiet and uneventful way, and though I have felt the weight and responsibilities of the work to be heavy, I have found help in waiting upon God and proved the truth of the words of the inspired writer "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

THE HOME MISSIONARY anniversary has been held. Bro. Mills from the Manchester Circuit was with us and favoured the meeting with an excellent speech. The receipts afford evidence of increased interest in the cause. In compliance with the arrangement of Conference I have endeavored to supply Fort Hood and Margate, visiting them in the past when united to this Circuit. As

the former station is thirty miles and the latter eighty miles distant it is impossible adequately to supply them with preaching on this Circuit; and as there is no other Protestant Minister at present to visit them, they are much in need of more labor.

N. B.—The above was sent to me by forwarded, I presume, to the office for publication. We are holding our Home Missionary Meetings. We fear our total will be less, as the people have been heavily taxed for Parsonage and Church buildings. Bro. J. J. F. has not arrived, though the President said he was sent last month. Instead of coming to Guyaboro' as the President directed, he should by all means go via Picton to the Straits, as by this route he might have to wait a long time ere he could cross the Straits, besides being a very circuitous and tedious route. In haste, J. W. WELDON.

CANNING AND BERWICK MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—A few weeks ago the Missionary meetings for this region commenced at Gratton, on the Berwick Circuit. A severe rain storm prevented the holding of the Berwick meeting on the previous evening.

At Gratton we had an interesting time, although the attendance was small. The chair was occupied by our warm-hearted Methodist friend, Geo. Fisher, Esq., whose opening address gave an excellent tone to the meeting. The subscriptions to the aid of the foreign missions were gratifying.

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Miscellaneous.

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES. We learn from the Christian Advocate of the 21st inst., that the Annual Meeting of this important body was held at the Mission Rooms in New York, on the 13th, 14th, and 15th insts.

During the last three or four years, our ministers and congregation have been using various names for the date and services improve our beautiful church at Bear River. Annual subscriptions and monthly contributions have been devised and more or less carried out; hence, a few days ago, quite a sum of the debt was paid off; and now we are able to meet our obligations, and realized about \$100. About a year ago our friends raised \$170, and had their church nicely painted.

Our good sisters have also, aided by the ladies, recently procured a fine toned bell for the church, weighing six hundred pounds, at a cost of \$190, and all paid for. The young people of our congregation also have been for some time past devising means to purchase an organ for the church, and they have succeeded in raising for that object \$150.

RIVER JAIN, NOV. 16, 1872.—We are just now in the midst of a most blessed revival at Barriwaa. A few meetings held there have been attended with remarkably gracious results. The quickening Spirit has been poured out mightily upon the people, old and young, and still continues to descend. Some of our next door neighbors who cannot understand these things, declare that "All Barriwaa has gone crazy," but we exclaim, "this is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes!" There is really, however, no excitement. The speaking, singing, praying, and the crowding forward of penitents, night after night, is all done in the most calm and deliberate manner.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever. The following scripture has been strikingly fulfilled among us: "The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."

May send you further particulars hereafter. R. BARRY MACK.

ST. JOHN'S N.F.D. ANNUAL WESLEYAN MISSIONARY MEETING. From the St. John's News 2nd Nov. The anniversary was held in the Wesleyan Church on Tuesday evening last. We were unfortunately unable to be present ourselves on the occasion, and are therefore indebted to a kind and friendly pen for the following report. The audience was large and respectable and comprised many of the friends of Christian Missions from sister churches.

The opening service was conducted by the experienced Rev. E. White who called to the aid, and in a short but pithy speech enforced the claims of the society, which had been wont to receive contributions from Newfoundland from an early period of its existence, and from those now residing from their labors in this country, and the home of their fathers. Rev. H. L. Cranford read an admirable report showing the income of the Wesleyan Missionary Society last year to be £148,558, 15s. 6d., sterling (besides £240,000 sterling mission presents at Rome and Naples) and to extinguish the society's debt of former years, which of \$2704.19 had been raised in Newfoundland and \$700.85 in St. John's. Many interesting details were also given of the work of missions now extending over nearly the entire globe.

Rev. M. Harvey moved the first resolution in a lucid and masterly address, in the course of which he maintained that the extraordinary success of Wesleyan Missions was a just cause of gratitude to God, not only to the past of Methodists, but also of Evangelists of all churches who directly and indirectly had done large gainers thereby. He highly commended the society for being well able to stand the test of this practical age that everywhere asked for results in order to gain public confidence, by the use of solid work and without reserve. Her saviour whom she served for many years, the trusted without fear and without reserve. Her last words, uttered a few minutes before the close of life, were words of faithful counsel to her children, commanding them to be true to the Lord Jesus whom she had so precious in her hours of trial. Mr. Barnes will long be mourned and missed by many who appreciated her meek and womanly virtues elevated by a consistent Christian life.

THE MUSICAL AND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT under the auspices of the Teachers of the Brunswick Street Wesleyan Sabbath School on Wednesday evening last, was well attended, and we believe we may say, was in every respect successful. The exercises were varied: excellent music by members of the Church Choir and other musical talent of the city; Reading by J. B. Morrow, Esq.; Recitation of N. P. Willis' Poem, "The Leper," by the Rev. W. Webb, Esq.; Addresses by the Rev. J. A. Rogers, Rev. A. S. Desbriary, and W. H. Webb, Esq., with several periods for general conversation, partaking of refreshments, &c., made the evening pass very pleasantly. We ought to mention that the beautiful Piano which had been kindly loaned for the occasion by Messrs. Fuller, Sichel & Co., was well played by Mrs. Tidmarsh.

FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC THROUGH BRITISH AMERICA.—The first of the course of four lectures to be given by the Rev. G. M. Grant on the above subject, was delivered to a full house on Tuesday evening, the 19th inst. The Omission says "the lecture was excellent. It was delivered in a clear and even easy conversational style. The lecturer abounded in laughable anecdotes and pleasing reminiscences of travel, and it conveyed to the audience, in an attractive form, a large amount of useful information. It was a discourse difficult to criticise and still more difficult to report correctly." We have no doubt that all who were conducted by the Reverend Lecturer to Fort Garry, are anxious to be escorted by him thence across the Continent to the Pacific.

During the recent missionary anniversaries in Canada, that noble Wesleyan Methodist layman of Toronto, Mr. James Macdonald made, through Dr. Puncheon, an offer of \$5,000, as an investment, to aid annually the fund of the Conference, for the support of the supernumerary ministers, and the widows of deceased ministers. Moreover, as the next Conference will be the jubilee Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, and the beginning of its jubilee year, Mr. Macdonald is expected to do for his subject, to double his offer, and make it \$10,000, on the condition that \$40,000 more are contributed, making the endowment \$50,000 for this laudable object.

Last Saturday's "Reporter" contains a letter from the Rev. J. O'Banion, pastor of Zion's Church in this city, appealing to the sympathy and benevolence of the public on behalf of the Rev. S. Desmond Smith, of Shelburne. It appears from the letter that the British M. E. Church building in Shelburne has been reared a third time after having been twice prostrated by storms; and that in its reconstruction a debt of \$570 has been incurred by Mr. Smith, which his parishioners are unable to pay. He therefore appeals for the philanthropic and charitable in Halifax for assistance. His credentials are signed by all the clergymen of Shelburne. Mr. O'Banion states that Mr. Smith's present list has been kindly opened by Charles Marlock, Esq., with a subscription of \$25, and intimates that Mr. Smith is about to call personally upon others in the city, who it is hoped will imitate a good example.

LITERARY NOTICES. VICE'S FLOREAL GUIDE FOR 1873.—The Guide is now published Quarterly, 25 cents per copy. Those who subscribe for the Guide may also order twenty-five cents worth extra—the price paid for the Guide. The January number is beautiful, giving plans for making Rural Homes, Designs for Dining Table Decorations, Window Gardens, &c., and containing a mass of information invaluable to the lover of flowers. One hundred and fifty pages, on fine tinted paper, some five hundred engravings and a superb colored Plate and Chromo Cover. The first edition of two hundred thousand had been printed in English and German, and ready to send out. JAMES VICE, Rochester, N. Y.

CHURCH STATISTICS. ZION'S HERALD SAYS: We noticed a few weeks since a singular statement made in an editorial note in the Boston Globe, in reference to the statistical position of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as to numbers, and among the sister denominations. We thought then that our figures, hastily gathered, would round the statistical institutes of our mathematical friend, Dorchester. He properly responded with his authoritative figures to the article in the Globe, but the editors refused to publish the correcting statement, saying that their sheet was secular, and not religious, and that its readers would not feel interested in the correction. We have had an opinion that many of the statistical

statements of political papers were founded; but this, it seems, is all right for the secular press: We insert the accompanying authentic figures, as fully settling a question of little importance, save in the interest of truth:

Communications of the Leading Religious Denominations in the United States, in 1870, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1,376,827 (North); 412,889 (South); Total, 1,789,716; Aggregate communicants of all Churches bearing the name of "Methodist," Episcopal, Christian, Protestant, Wesleyan, Free, Primitive, Reformed, &c., in the United States, 2,707,784; Regular Baptist, North, 906,594 (South); Total, two leading Baptist bodies, 1,819,493.

The division of the Baptists, above, is made on the basis of their two General Conventions. Aggregate communicants of all Churches, bearing the name "Baptist," Regular, Free-will, Seventh-day, Seventh-day German, Six-principle, Anti-Mission, &c., in the United States, Presbyterians, Old and New School, now one body, 446,561; Aggregate communicants of all bodies, bearing the name "Presbyterian," in the United States, Congregationalists, 297,782; Episcopalians, 730,467; Episcopalians, 297,782.

The above statistics have been carefully collated and compiled from the Minutes, Year-books, and Registers, of the several denominations, for the year 1871, and therefore they properly represent the previous year. Last Saturday's Presbyterian Witness reports the death of Mrs. Barnes, the wife of the publisher of that paper. The Editor in announcing the melancholy fact, says: "Our readers will learn with regret that on Monday morning Mrs. Barnes passed away from among us to her heavenly Home. She had been for months prostrated by the illness which at last proved fatal; and she bore to the first to last with unshaken firmness, good courage, faith, patience, and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Her saviour whom she had served for many years, the trusted without fear and without reserve. Her last words, uttered a few minutes before the close of life, were words of faithful counsel to her children, commanding them to be true to the Lord Jesus whom she had so precious in her hours of trial. Mr. Barnes will long be mourned and missed by many who appreciated her meek and womanly virtues elevated by a consistent Christian life."

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LORD DUFFERIN, Governor General of Canada, has sent to the relief Committee of Boston a cheque for \$6,000 as an expression of sympathy for the losses sustained by the recent loss of the ship "Essex."

edge of the burnt district, entirely escaped injury. This is good news, as their books are used everywhere, and the musical and reading public would quickly miss them if the issue were delayed. It is also a periodical pleasure to read of D. & Co's, rapidly shifting arrangements, which will be posted as to what is the standard mode of the day.

HISTORY OF BAYVILLE INSTITUTION.—Mr. S. Draper, of the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, proposes to publish early next year a descriptive and illustrative work, in five volumes, on the charitable, benevolent institutions of Canada. It will embrace a full history of each, with statistical information and biographical sketches of the leading persons connected with them. It will be published simultaneously in English and French, and subscribers will obtain at a great variety of rates to non-subscribers. The price of the illustrated edition will be \$250, and plain \$100, payable on delivery of each volume.

The December Number of HARPER'S MAGAZINE opens the Forty-sixth volume under most promising auspices. The remarkable combination of serial stories by three such authors as Charles Reade, Wilkie Collins, and Mrs. Thackeray, is without precedent in the history of Magazine literature. The five illustrated stories in this number contain a grand variety of subjects. Herbert Wright contributes a grand illustrated article descriptive of Malta, from Perley Poore gives the history of the Congressional Library with appropriate illustrations. And, Ben Jon J. Loising, under the title of "The Old Romans at Home," describes, in minute and interesting details, the houses, household furniture, diet, and manners of the Romans in the time of Augustus. "An Old Sinner" contains his Recollections, giving, among other things, a very entertaining account of gambling in Washington, and a curious episode in the life of John Howard Poynter, author of "Horn, Swan, Ho-me."

"The Scottish Covenanters," by Eugene Lawrence, tells the story of the conflicts of Protestantism in Scotland with the elegance and vigor which have characterized all the historical papers contributed by this powerful writer to the pages of Harper. A brief article by N. S. Dodge, on the "Astronomical Year," explains the intricacies of the calendar, and the manner in which they were solved by the decree of Gregory XIII. Two unusually interesting short stories are contributed—"A Madral," by Frances M. Pearl, author of "A Rose Garden," and "A Picturesque Transformation," by Julia Thorne, a son of the distinguished novelist. The poetry of the Number is contributed by William C. Richards, Laura C. Rodden, Kate Patman Oggood, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Edward Taylor, Kate Hillard, and Kelly M. Hutchinson.

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