

METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

DECEMBER, 1877.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

ON Sabbath, Sept. 30th, 1877, the Rev. Dr. RYERSON, President of the General Conference, had engaged to preach in Brockville, but severe indisposition preventing the fulfilment of his promise, his place was supplied by the Rev. ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, Secretary-Treasurer; and in the evening the Rev. GEORGE DOUGLAS, L.L.D., Vice President of the General Conference, and President of the Montreal Conference, conducted the service. Both occasions were distinguished by attentive and reverential audiences, who listened to these gifted ministers of Christ with much delight and profit.

The anniversary meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2nd. A good audience assembled, and manifested much interest in the proceedings.

A few minutes after seven o'clock the service was opened by the Rev. ELIAS BREFFLE, President of the Nova Scotia Conference, who gave out a hymn, and afterwards led the congregation in prayer.

The Rev. DR. WOOD then introduced Mr. SHERIFF PATRICK, who had been requested by the Committee to occupy the chair.

The CHAIRMAN felt much interest in contrasting the past with the present,—the days when Elder Case, with a few converted Indians, used to attend some of our meetings, with the present, when our missions extend all over this great Dominion, and when our missionaries, not con-

tent with so large a field, have gone to preach the gospel in far distant Japan. He trusted the meeting would give an impulse to our mission work, and develop the spirit of liberality among the people.

The Rev. ENOCH WOOD, D.D., Senior Missionary Secretary, then read an abstract of the General Report, showing the present encouraging state of the work in the Indian, Foreign, and Domestic Missions. The abstract contained numerous interesting extracts from letters of missionaries, which may be read in full in the published Report of the Society for the present year.

The financial statement was presented by the Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, Secretary-Treasurer. The following is a synopsis of Income and Expenditure:—

INCOME.		Decrease.
Subscriptions and Collections from Circuits and Missions.....	\$115,909 83	\$2,319 41
Juvenile Offerings.....	15,761 27	1,486 10
Legacies.....	3,123 97	6,725 33
Grant from Wesleyan Missionary Society.....	4,306 67
Donations on Annuity.....	200 00	3,556 10
From the Indian Department for Indian Schools.....	2,600 00	1,768 23
From the Indian Department, British Columbia, for school Purposes.....	787 50	512 50
From other Sources.....	936 93	174 05
Total	\$145,938 92	
Decrease under 1876.....		\$16,610 81