

Lowell derives its name in honour of Francis Cabot Lowell, who was the founder of the manufacturing. It is situated at the confluence of the Merrimack and Concord rivers. The spot where Lowell now stands, about 200 years ago was the head quarters of one of the five great tribes of Indians which were found in New England, numbering twelve thousand. This place was highly valued by the Indians on account of the vast quantities of salmon, chad, alewives, and sturgeon with which the river abounded. The abundance of the latter fish gave the name "Merrimack" to the river so called, the meaning of that word being "sturgeon" in the Indian tongue. Here, as early as 1659, John Eliot, the celebrated "Apostle to the Indians" came, spending many days, and preaching to the natives. Here courts were held annually, in the month of May, by an English Magistrate, assisted by some Indian chiefs. I have seen the spot where the log church stood, where Eliot used to preach in. But Eliot and these sons of the forest have all passed away, and are now in the far off land of the Great Spirit.

The population of Lowell in 1828 was 3,532. It is now estimated at 25,000. There are 50 mills at work here, managed by 12 corporations, whose capital is \$13,210,000, which keeps in operation \$19,946 spindles, and 2,885 looms. The number of yards made per week is as follows: 2,110,000 cotton; 20,477 woollen; 12,000 carpets; 40 rugs. In the manufacture of woollen, are consumed 69,000 pounds of wool per week; of the cotton, per week, 653,000 lbs. 245,000 yards are printed; 5,616,000 dyed. The kinds of goods manufactured are the following: Prints, sheetings, shirtings, drillings, flannels, broadcloths, cambrics, plain and fancy woollen goods, carpets and rugs. Besides these are machinery, locomotives, steam engines, machinists' tools, and mill-work. 27,620 tons of anthracite coal are used per annum, and of charcoal, 25,908 bushels; 2,590 cords of wood; 82,917 gallons of oil; 26,000 of hard; 1,380,000 pounds of starch; 1,265 barrels of flour. These buildings are built of brick, and warmed by steam. The mills employ 6,360 females and 2,744 males. The average wages of females, clear of board, per week, is \$2 dollars, and the average wages of males, clear of board, is 5 dollars per week, which is paid in money every month. Price of board \$1.57½ per week at the boarding houses. These boarding houses are built by the owners of the mills, for the use of the operatives. The Middlesex Company make use annually of 6,000,000 teazels, 1,716,000 lbs. fine wool, 80,000 lbs. glue, 860,000 worth dye stuffs, and \$17,000 worth of soap. They also own the Wamsit Carpet Mill, where are consumed, annually, 93,600 lbs. coarse wool, and 36,400 lbs. of worsted yarn, producing 91,000 yards Ingrain Carpeting.

The several manufacturing companies have established an Hospital for the convenience and comfort of persons employed by them respectively when sick, which is under the superintendence of a physician. Other manufactures are produced in the city than those which I have specified, of the value of \$1,500,000, employing a capital of \$400,000, and about 1,500 persons.

There are also Powder Mills, Paper and Bating Mills, and Saw Mills belonging to private individuals. There are two institutions for Savings—the "Lowell," and the "City." The Lowell had on deposit in 1849, from 4,650 depositors, \$792,291. The City, at the same time, had on deposit, from 615 depositors, \$75,970. The operatives in the mills are the principal depositors in the above banks. There are several other banks beside these established in the city. There is a valuable Library of 7000 vols. belonging to the City, to which any one can have access by paying fifty cents per annum. Railroads, gas works, magnetic telegraphs and water works intersect the city in every direction. As some of you do not exactly understand dollars and cents, I would just say—that five dollars are equal to one pound sterling, or twenty-five shillings Newfoundland currency. A cent is a little more than a halipenny currency. In my next letter I will give you an account of the mode of manufacturing cotton and woollen goods.

P. TUCKER.
Lowell, Mass., U. S., May 18th, 1850.

The *Banffshire Journal* says: "Ronald Macdonald, is just now on the eve of completing his 105th year. This remarkable old man still enjoys pretty good health, and retains the use of all his faculties almost as well as ever. The veteran very much regrets to see how sadly the genuine race of the Gael have degenerated with the potato."

Lieutenant Elliott, of the 99th Regiment, has discovered in the interior of Western Australia a race of cannibals who devour the bodies of friends and foes. Lieutenant Elliott writes: "The natives in these districts eat their dead; old men, women, and children. The heart is given to the mother, as they say it assuages her grief."

It is proposed to erect a monument in honour of Cowper, the poet, in Westminster Abbey, from a design by Mr. W. C. Marshall, A. R. A., exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1849.

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THE WESLEYAN.

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FAST DAY.

The second Friday in July is appointed by the Nova Scotia District Meeting to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, in reference to the coming harvest, by the members and congregations of the Wesleyan Church throughout the bounds of the District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT MEETING.

Stations of Wesleyan Ministers in the N. B. District for the Current Year.

St. John, South, Germain-street, Richard Knight, Chairman of the District, and General Superintendent, Robert Cooney.

St. John, North, Portland, William Smith. St. John, West, Carlton, Henry Daniel, James Taylor.

Fredericton, William Temple, Secretary of the District.

Nashua, One wanted.

Sheffield, &c., William Smithson.

Mill-Town, Ingham Sutcliffe.

St. Stephen's and St. David's, George M. Barratt.

St. Andrew's, George Miller.

Sackville, James G. Hennigar.

Point-de-Ente, George Johnson.

Petitcodiac, Robert A. Chesley.

Hopewell, William Allen.

Sussex-Vale, Joseph F. Bent.

Woodstock and Andover, John Allison.

Annapolis, Michael Pickles.

Bridge-Town, Arthur McNutt.

Aylesford, Richard Shepherd.

Digby and Sissiboo, One wanted.

Miramichi, Christopher Lockhart.

Richibucto, Robert A. Temple.

Boothurst, John Prince.

Dalhousie, One requested.

Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, Westmoreland, Humphrey Pickard, A. M., Principal; Albert Desbrisay, Supernumerary, Chaplain.

A Correspondent writes—"We have had a most peaceful and happy Meeting;" and the Secretary—"Our increase this year has been 186 with 116 on trial."

Resolution.

"District Room, New Brunswick, June, 1850.

"Resolved unanimously,

"That the Thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Editor of the *Wesleyan* for the able manner in which he has conducted that Periodical."

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT MEETING.

It was a matter of mutual congratulation, as well as of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that the ranks of the Wesleyan Ministers in this District had been unbroken by death during the past year; a circumstance which was regarded, also, by the assembled brethren, as a powerful call and

a strong inducement to renewed consecration of themselves to the high and responsible duties of their sacred calling. Two young brethren, the Rev. Robert E. Crane, and the Rev. George O. Huestis, having creditably passed through their term of probation, which our readers know is four years, were unanimously recommended to be received into full connexion at the approaching Conference. Messrs. G. W. Tuttle and James Armstrong, whose names were mentioned in our report of the proceedings of the District Meeting of 1849, were re-recommended to the Conference to be received as candidates for our Ministry. The Rev. JOHN B. STRONG, who has travelled in our work, at home and abroad, nearly forty years, owing to physical infirmity has retired from the more active duties of the itinerancy, and his name now appears among the honourable and useful corps of Supernumerary Ministers. We are confident we but express the sentiments of his brethren, when we say, he carries with him in his comparatively restricted sphere of labour their sincere sympathy, and earnest prayers for the blessings of providence and grace. The Rev. RICHARD WILLIAMS, late Chairman of the Newfoundland District, has received an appointment to this District, and is expected soon to arrive and to occupy the Yarmouth Circuit.

It was gratifying to learn, that, notwithstanding the depression of the times, and the almost unprecedented scarcity of money, both the Circuit Receipts, and Missionary subscriptions and collections in aid of the Parent Society, exhibited an increase on the amounts realised last year; an evidence, this, in the highest degree satisfactory, that the hearts of our members and other friends are in the work of the Lord, and that Wesleyan Methodism, as a true branch of the Christian Church, shares largely in the sympathies and affections of the people.

Valuable and necessary improvements have been made during the year in the Mission Houses at Barrington and Maitland, by which the convenience and comfort of the families of the resident ministers have been promoted. The Church at Cornwallis West has been enlarged, without debt, so as to afford one hundred additional sittings. The Church at Wallace Harbour has been completed, having galleries on the sides and one end. The exertions of our friends there to procure a commodious and comfortable House for divine worship, are deserving of commendation. We understand that the edifice is not only out of debt, but that from the liberal donations contributed and the receipts from the sale of pews, a surplus of funds remains in the hands of the Trustees. This is as it should be; and now we pray that the Head of the Church will at all times cause copious effusions of grace to descend upon the worshipping assembly.—"The liberal devised liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." We are pleased, also, to find that our truly liberal and warm-hearted people of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, have at considerable expense enlarged the vestry of their Church for the double purpose of accommodating the increasing Sunday School, and the Congregations on the evening of week days. Thus works the Church—enlarging her borders—stretching out her tents—to gather the young, and invite strangers and wanderers to her safe-guard and enclosures. Other places of worship are in progress in other Circuits. We rejoice in this promised increase of church-accommodation.

The cause of God has been generally in a healthy state. In some circuits God has

been pleased to vouchsafe gracious revivals of religion, which have resulted in the conversion of souls and the spiritual refreshment of believers; thus verifying the divine fidelity, and furnishing powerful motives to the labourers in the vineyard to seek, in order to save, the souls of men. On the whole, the last year's operations have been attended with a measure of success, which calls for grateful acknowledgments to the "giver of every good and perfect gift"; and while it is declarative of the fact that God is still with us as a part of his inheritance, it is also calculated to remind both ministers and people, that the Spirit of the Lord is not straitened, but is ready to succeed their future endeavours to promote the divine glory in their allotted spheres of activity, with more abundant prosperity.

RESOLUTIONS.

Agitation in the Dominion.

Unanimously resolved—

That the Nova Scotia District, having observed with the profoundest concern and sorrow the wicked and pernicious agitation of many of our Societies at home since the last Conference, ostensibly for purposes which are contrary to Wesleyan Methodism, and by the advocacy of principles which are subversive of our excellent economy, one instrument of which has been the calumnies heaped upon the President of the Conference, our Missionary Committee, and other deservedly distinguished persons in the Wesleyan Body, would express their most unqualified and indignant condemnation equally of those objects and the means by which their accomplishment has been attempted; and this District Meeting would most respectfully assure the Missionary Committee of our deepest sympathy with them in their late trials, and of our perfect confidence in the fidelity and ability which they evince in the management of the Missions, as well as of our undiminished approval of the entire Wesleyan Polity; of which the Members of this Meeting hope to give the most complete and continued proof by living and labouring more fully than ever in the spirit of the venerable Founder of our Societies, whose great end was to spread scriptural holiness throughout the world.

That it is a source of great encouragement to this Meeting to be assured that the Societies throughout the Nova Scotia District participate in these sentiments of loyal attachment to Wesleyan Methodism, and unhesitating confidence in the Conference and the Missionary Committee.

Plan for a Supernumerary Fund.

Unanimously resolved—

That this District Meeting, having considered with great admiration and approval a Constitution for a Supernumerary Fund for the Nova Scotia District kindly and ably devised by the Chairman, beg respectfully to tender him their most grateful acknowledgments for the attention which he has bestowed on a subject adapted very favourably to affect all the Members of this District; and this Meeting orders that the said Constitution with its financial details, be forthwith printed in the form of a Circular for general distribution in the District, for the consideration of our principal lay friends in our Circuits, with the view to more intelligent, general, and united action in reference to this important matter at the District Meeting in 1851.

The "Wesleyan" Paper.

Resolved unanimously—

That the attention of the Nova Scotia District Meeting, having been repeatedly and fully directed to the character and influence of "The Wesleyan," record their conviction of the admirable adaptation of that Paper to promote right views of the Christian salvation as enjoyed by individual believers; of the principles of ecclesiastical order and government; of the education of youth, and various other subjects of the highest interest. And this Meeting declares its satisfaction with the valuable labours of the Editor, who has entitled himself to the gratitude of

our Societies, for the able manner in which he has defended our doctrines and our polity. Members of this Meeting, believing "The Wesleyan" to be well calculated to aid them in great work, engage to give their best endeavours to promote its wider circulation, in which they hope to be supported and assisted by the members of our Church and Congregations throughout the District.

Rev. Edmund Botterell.

Unanimously resolved—

That whereas the Rev. EDMUND BOTTELL is about leaving the District to enter upon important field of labour in Newfoundland District Meeting cannot allow our high esteemed Brother to depart from us without pressing its deep regret that we are so soon to lose so valuable a fellow labourer; one who so greatly endeared himself to all his Brethren and who had given promise of great usefulness among us. But we earnestly pray the abundant blessing of Heaven may accompany him and his family, and render his appointment as Chairman of the Newfoundland District Meeting successful in the increased prosperity of Society's Missions on that Island.

This Meeting would also respectfully express the continued interest of Brother Botterell in favour of "The Wesleyan" paper published in Halifax, that its circulation may be wide throughout Newfoundland as a medium of increased intercourse among our Brethren in cities in those Districts, of circulating intelligence, and of promoting among our people a taste for reading of a useful and a character.

Election of a Protestant Representative to the Piedmontese Parliament.

The *Echo des Vallées*, a monthly zine, published by some Waldensians, says, in its last number: "The civil and political equality of all, without distinction, and whatever their religion, has received a new and more complete consecration by the nomination of the Waldenses, Mr. Joseph Malan, member of the Table, deputy parliament of Piedmont, from the Bricherasio. Respect and gratitude to the Catholic electors, who have first to give up miserable prejudices who have given willingly their triumph of this great and beautiful people. The conduct of Mr. Malan Chamber, will, we are sure, soon those who may still doubt of it, that being of the same religion as the one may have as much love for our country, and zeal for its prosperity, as

Hungarian Protestants.—Collection for the Waldenses.—Extract of a Letter to the Editors.

The readers of the Christian will be affected, as I have been learning that the Italian Waldenses year, in celebrating their recent election, by public services in their made, for the Hungarian Institution amounting to 1200 francs. "deep poverty has abounded to of their liberality."

Dr. Merle d'Aubigne has received dated March 28, 1850, from the answer to a first remittance of tion made in their favour. Here tract of this letter from the Christians of Hungary;—

"It would be impossible to express the sentiments with which our hearts were filled. The Lord is great, most merciful! The committee appointed the affairs of our Institute, (compose director, of three heads of families, munity, and of myself,) were assisted on the new Prospectus. One of the committee was asking anxiety, What is to be done if we our expenses? Just then the door your letter was put into my hands. We burst into tears—and especially just said. Whence shall we have confounded. It is the Lord! He sake his own. We adore him present. Last Sunday, I spoke to the assembled in great numbers of the Saviour, and of that of our brethren which had been recently experienced. The emotion felt was un-