

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

From the Wesleyan Magazine for May.

A LIBERAL OFFER TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A kind superintendent of a country Sunday school has made a liberal proposal to the Wesleyan Book Committee, which enables them to offer gratis to such Methodist Sunday schools, in small towns and villages, as are without the benefit of a library, books to the amount of ten shillings, provided they will expend fifty shillings more in books published by Mr. Mason, which will be charged to them at a reduction of twenty-five per cent. discount from the retail price; and on the farther condition that the full amount be paid to the superintendent preacher of the circuit where such library is to be formed on the receipt of the books.

The committees of those Sunday schools who intend to avail themselves of the very kind offer of our friend, will order from the Book Room catalogue the books which are marked with an asterisk, to the amount of £4, which will be charged to them £2 10s.

This offer is made to the extent of one hundred and twenty libraries, and to such places only as are not the heads of circuits. Our friend urges, it is of very great importance that when attention can only be paid to scholars from three to four hours in a week, viz., on the Sabbath, that some direct means should be provided for conveying religious instruction, at least to the elder scholars on the week days; and that with little difficulty books may be supplied to the scholars, who will gladly take them to their homes, where they will very probably be useful to their parents and other inmates, who in villages have not the same facilities, and frequently less disposition, for obtaining religious books, and where even tracts are not so generally lent as they are in towns.

If we may judge from the speedy success of a previous offer of this kind, we should recommend an early application to those who wish to obtain a library for their village Sunday Schools on these terms.

A label "Wesleyan Sunday School Library," will be pasted on each of the books sent.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

THAT pleasantly situated House and Garden at Wolfville, recently owned by Henry Allison. The house is entirely new and well furnished, and would be a very desirable summer residence.

As the property is well known, further description is considered unnecessary. For particulars as to terms, apply to
Halifax, 16th July. JOHN H. ANDERSON.

WHAT NEED OF IMPORTING BOOTS AND SHOES &c?
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Black and white Satin, black and a variety of fancy colored Brunellas to suit dresses, Morocco and kid and various colored Roans, Black and buff toe skins, dog skins, &c., which they will make up and sell for Cash at their usual low prices. Their custom work will be found not inferior to any made in Halifax.

L. & H. cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing their gratitude for the exceeding liberal patronage they have received hitherto, which has been equal to their utmost expectations, and this circumstance affords them peculiar satisfaction, for thus they have been instrumental in retaining and putting in circulation many hundreds of pounds within the province, which would otherwise have been exported to Great Britain and elsewhere, never to visit our shores again. Every effort is being made, which the infancy of their establishment will admit, to produce work at prices corresponding to those of imported Boots and Shoes, and if sufficient patronage be continued, the Halifax Boot and Shoe Manufactory will be able to defy foreign competition.
June 4, 1834.

NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS.

THE GUYSBOROUGH and ARICHAT PACKET will sail regularly between those places every week; leaving Guysborough every Monday morning at 8 o'clock—and Arichat every Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock (wind and weather permitting) touching occasionally on her return at Canso, Fox-Island, and Crow Harbour—taking on board at each place, such freight and passengers as may offer.
Guysborough, 28th April, 1838.

ESSAY ON CHRISTIAN MISSIONS
PRIZE OF TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS, &c.

DURING the last forty years, many excellent Sermons, Tracts, and Pamphlets, have appeared on the subject of Missions to the Heathen; but the want of a comprehensive work, embracing all the topics directly and collaterally involved in the general theme, has long been felt and very generally acknowledged. It has occurred to a few friends of the Missionary enterprise in Scotland that this desideratum in our Christian literature might be supplied by means of friendly competition, were the theme of Missions proposed as the subject of a Prize Essay. Dispensing, for the present, with the consideration of the causes that may instrumentally have retarded the progress of Christianity throughout the world, and with the investigation of the most approved methods of practically conducting Missions abroad, a PRIZE OF TWO HUNDRED GUINEAS is hereby offered for the best Essay, and another PRIZE OF FIFTY GUINEAS for the second best Essay on "The Duty, Privilege, and Encouragement of Christians to send the Gospel of Salvation to the unenlightened Nations of the Earth." The grand object of Missions, viz., the regeneration of a lost world through the all-sufficient atonement of the Lord our Righteousness and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, must be distinctly unfolded and vindicated from the Sacred Scriptures. The Duty, Privilege, &c. must be illustrated as enjoined or sanctioned by Divine commands, Evangelical motives, and explicit prophecies, as well as recommended by a review of the beneficial effects of Christianity on the civilization of the world, and the reflex influence of the Missionary enterprise in improving the spiritual tone and condition of the Reformed Churches. Under the head of Duty, must be comprehended the obligation to advance the kingdom of the Redeemer by means of prayer, counsel, pecuniary contribution, and personal services. Answers must also be furnished to all the most plausible objections that have from time to time been urged against the cause of Missions.

In order at once to demonstrate the Catholicity of the present design, and inspire universal confidence in the rectitude of the decision, the following Gentlemen have been requested, and have kindly consented, to become adjudicators, viz. :—

The Rev. David Welsh, D.D., Professor of Church History in the University of Edinburgh.
The Rev. Ralph Wardlaw, D.D., Glasgow.
The Rev. Henry Melville, B.D., Cumberwall, late Fellow and Tutor of St. Peter's College, Cambridge.
The Rev. Jabez Bunting, D.D., President of the Wesleyan Conference, London.
The Rev. Thomas S. Crisp, President of the Baptist College, Bristol.

The Essays will be received on or before 1st June, 1835, by the Secretaries of the Church of England, London, Baptist, and Wesleyan Missionary Societies, at the respective Mission Houses in London, and by the Rev. Dr. Brunton, Convener, or Rev. Dr. Gordon, Secretary of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland's Committee for Foreign Missions, Edinburgh. Each must be accompanied with a sealed letter, enclosing the name and address of the author—the Letter and Essay bearing some motto or superscription common to both. The Essay need be forwarded which is not written or copied in a clear, distinct, legible hand. The Adjudicators are expected to make their decision known on or before 1st June, 1840, after which date the Essays will be returned, on proper application at the several Offices where they were originally left, with the Letters unopened except those accompanying the successful Treatises. Half of the profits arising from the sale of the Copyright of the Essay, to which the Prize of Two Hundred Guineas shall be awarded, to be given to the Author, the other half to be applied to such object, promotive of the great cause of Missions, as the Contributors to the present Prize may deem most expedient.

In the name of the Contributors,
STEVENSON M-GILL, D.D.,
Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow.
THOMAS CHALMERS, D.D., L.L.D.,
Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh.
ALEXANDER DUFF, D.D.,
Church of Scotland Mission, Calcutta.

TERMS, &c.

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