

For the Wesleyan.

Andover, N. B.

MY DEAR BRO.—I am happy to state that God has recently been pleased to revive His work on this part of the Circuit, when a number were enabled to rejoice in Christ Jesus by the Holy Ghost given unto them. During the progress of the work, the labours of Bro. Allison, of Woodstock, appear to have been especially blessed; and I trust that those who have taken upon them the yoke of God will be faithful unto death, and then he who has sowed, and they who have reaped, shall rejoice together.

I am pleased to say that the work of God appears to be progressing upon the Woodstock Circuit, under the untiring labours of Bro. Allison. A series of meetings held on that part of the station, notwithstanding the opposition of some who profess to be the Ministers of the sanctuary, has resulted in much good.

We intend to hold a protracted meeting on the lower part of this Circuit very shortly. The people appear to be prepared for the reception of good. We are looking for a display of the Lord's power and love. May the reviving influence of His Spirit rest upon the assemblies of His people.

WM. TWEEDY.

Andover, N. B., Dec. 10, 1850.

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School Examination at St. Margaret's Bay.

MR. EDITOR.—On Wednesday 11th inst., an examination of the school in this place, conducted by Mr. Teas, took place, the result of which was highly satisfactory to all present. The number of children present on the occasion was twenty-five, which was not the usual number in attendance, owing to the illness of some of the scholars. They were examined in the several branches taught in common Schools, and replied to a variety of questions, in connection with these subjects, in such a manner as proved that they understood what they had learned. They were particularly expert in figures, as well as in mental arithmetic.

There was also manifested a very correct and extensive knowledge of that useful branch of instruction—Geography—and that in reference to our own country as well as of others, which is not the case in all schools. It was also pleasing to find that some were advancing with rapidity in the elementary principles of English grammar, geometry and algebra. The state of the School certainly reflects great credit on the Teacher. I could not but wish, during the examination, that "FAIR PLAY," the writer of a very blame-worthy article which appeared in *The Church Times* a few weeks ago, was present. He certainly would have been deeply impressed with the truthfulness of the remark in his apology for writing the article alluded to, that "Mr. Teas has improved of late." Whether he is improving or not I do not venture an opinion, but this I know, he has a respectable and well-conducted School, the superior of which I believe cannot be found in Margaret's Bay. The school house is also clean and comfortable.

AN OBSERVER.

## THE WESLEYAN.

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## METHODISM.

ITS ADAPTATION TO MEET THE WANTS OF THE WORLD.

METHODISM is designed, and, under the blessing of God, without which no means can prosper, well calculated to promote the salvation of men on an extensive scale. Its doctrines are scriptural in the justest sense of the term; in harmony with the plain and simple enunciations of the Sacred Oracles. On this ground WESLEYANS have no cause to shrink from the most rigid test which can be applied to their recognised standards of belief. Deeply imbued with the spirit of evangelical truth, and peculiarly adapted to direct sinners to the one all-sufficient Saviour, and stimulate believers to fidelity, zeal, and perseverance in the way of inward and practical holiness, Methodism stands forth to the gaze of the world, as a potent and uncompromising opponent of error in its multitudinous forms, and as a divinely sanctioned advocate of the claims of God and the gracious privileges of redeemed men. It honours God, the mediation of Christ, and the office of the Holy Spirit—places man in his right position, divests him of all vain boasting, all self-confidence, all grounds of false trust—magnifies the unrestrained, unlimited love of God—asserts and extols His free, unmerited grace—and so exhibits in glorious union the justice and the mercy of God in the scheme of redemption through Christ Jesus, as to alarm the presumptuous sinner and terrify the deluded antinomian, on the one hand, and encourage the humble penitent and sincere and faithful believer, on the other. In thus presenting to the understandings and consciences of different classes of

men the doctrines of grace, there is no misgiving, no mental reservation, no concealment, no laudation of one divine attribute at the expense of another, but there is sincerity, frankness, full publicity, and a due regard to all the perfections of the God-head as they have been revealed in the holy Word of His own inspiration. Methodism rejoices in the solemn and gracious attestation—"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

We have above stated our conviction that Wesleyanism is calculated to meet the spiritual necessities of the world. It proceeds on the scriptural truth that every human being is naturally in a sinful, impotent, and ruinous condition, and on the truths, equally divine, that God has loved the world, that Christ has tasted death for every man, in other words, that every human being is redeemed by the price of Jesus' blood, and that the Gospel announcing these glorious facts is a message of glad tidings designed for all people. It goes forth, therefore, with all the courage that confidence, with all the joy that a conviction of God's universal love to man, with all the zeal and untiring activity that the most hallowed and benevolent motives and inducements, can inspire. It never for one moment doubts whether any one of the wide-spread race requires salvation or whether he may be saved—it assaults each and every individual with the hammer of God's Word, charges sin home to every conscience, threatens every sinner with the "wrath to come;" but then it pours in the oil of mercy, offers to each and all the joy of consolation, cries to every man, Christ loved thee and gave himself for thee—he is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and consequently for thine—thou, even thou, may'st be saved, as thou hast been embraced in the purpose of his redeeming love, and in the object for which he vicariously died. Armed thus with the two-edged "sword of the Spirit," one of which sharp, and penetrating the sinner's heart, the other suffused with Gilead's healing balm, the Apostolic WESLEY went forth on his divine Mission, with one hand assailing in every place the citadels of Satan, the strongholds of sin, with the other lifting high the standard of the all-conquering Cross, on which, written in characters of sacrificial blood, appeared the consoling, the life-imparting promises, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"—"Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out"—"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Great and numerous were the triumphs which followed the evangelical labours of this eminently devoted servant of God. Thousands were won from the ranks of the enemy, and translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son, as trophies of the plenitude of redeeming grace. A revival of pure religion, exceeded in extent only by that of Apostolic times, then commenced, which has spread far and wide through the professedly christian world, and extended to the distant and remote tribes and nations of heathen lands, not only benefiting those who became identified directly with Wesleyanism, but indirectly rousing other Churches from their long-continued apathy, infusing spiritual life into their previously dead formalism, and calling into existence a spirit of piety and sacrifice which has been increasing in intensity and ardour as time has been measuring its cycles, and which, under the gracious Providence of God and the fostering blessing of the Lord Christ, bids fair to take the very world by hallowed storm. The primitive tones of earnest, melting prayer, in which The Founder of Methodism was wont to pour out the yearnings of his ardent spirit for the salvation of the lost world, still echo in the ears of his wide-spread spiritual children and find a hearty response in millions of up-lifted hearts, nerving them to attempt the accomplishment of the object for which they so devoutly pray:—

"O for a trumpet-voice,  
On all the world to call!  
To bid their hearts rejoice  
In him who died for all!  
For all my Lord was crucified:  
For all, for all my Saviour died!"

This is only in keeping with the genius, so to speak, of Methodism—it is only the true breathing of its large and benevolent heart—the utterance of its genuine, and christian feelings.

The salvation of the world—of each and every one of the human race! This it believes possible—to be the will of God—the object for which His Son, our only Lord and Saviour, poured out his soul unto death; therefore in accordance with the spirit and letter of its doctrines it co-operates with the Fountain of infinite Love and labours to secure the glorious object proposed. Thus adapted is the religious system of John Wesley to meet the pressing necessities of our world; free and unlimited as the provisions of the Gospel of reconciliation, it rejoices to urge onwards in its philanthropic course of christian effort, and as far as lies in its power, to dispense the bread of life to the famishing multitudes of mankind. The religion of Methodism, like God, whose offspring it is, is a religion of love. The world, every human being, is the object of its tenderest solicitude; and nothing short of the salvation of the whole race, whether realised sooner or later, can satisfy the yearnings of its truly benevolent nature.

## CHRISTMAS.

Before our next issue this FESTIVAL of the Church will have come and gone, with all its hallowed reminiscences and delightful associations. The season appeals to all the finer sensibilities of the renovated nature, and recalls to the sanctified mind the joyous peals of Angelic bands, when the music of their voices startled the ears of the watching shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Then sang one of those celestial visitants, whilst the earth became radiant with unwonted glory, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Words sweet as the music of the spheres—full of consolation—and overflowing with joy! The event itself—how replete with wonders—fraught with momentous, infinite consequences! "Christ the Lord." Yes! in that infant of days, wrapped in swathing bands, is the Lord of life and glory—the Father's co-equal and co-eternal Son—the brightness of his glory and the express image of his person—Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, (Father of eternity.) The Prince of Peace! The fullness of the times had arrived, and, by the advent of His only begotten Son, God was about to solve the mystery of redemption which had been hid for ages, and to bring on the theatre of our world one, in appearance man, but in reality God as well as man, who should confront, counterwork, defeat, and stamp with eternal infamy, the Prince of darkness who had erected his throne in the very hearts of men. Christ was "born"—an event never to be forgotten throughout Time and the slowly-revolving ages of Eternity. He was born a "Saviour"—to redeem, deliver, pardon, renew, sanctify, and re-open the gates of Heaven. This is the source of interest to us—to our fellow-men—to the world. Well do the faithful, by renewed dedication of themselves to God, commemorate this day, rendered "glad," by the incarnation of the Desire of all Nations, when

"A brighter scene  
Of glory was display'd,  
By God, the Eternal Son  
Than when the universe was made."

## TO THE AGENTS OF THE WESLEYAN.

It will be gratifying, doubtless, to you to learn that we are increasing our list of subscribers; though we must qualify our degree of satisfaction by the fact that this increase is not so rapid nor so general as we would desire. The reason almost universally assigned by our respected Agents is, the scarcity of money, especially in the country. The following, accompanied with the name of a new subscriber, may be given as a sample of the statements we have frequently received:—

"The Wesleyan gives great satisfaction on my Circuit, and we should have many more subscribers, if the times were better."

The force of the reason above stated we cannot but admit to an extent: but, in some cases, it may be, parties have not taken the paper either from indifference or because they have not been specially solicited. We think we have strong and special claims on the countenance and support of Wesleyan families; and as the second half

year of this volume will commence in about a fortnight from the present time, renewed efforts on the part of our Agents, whose past zeal we duly appreciate, to obtain new subscribers might be crowned with success.

The agents of other Papers are all alive in pushing forward their respective interests. For this we commend them. They are acting like men in earnest. So would we have our friends to act. The circulation of *The Wesleyan* cannot be greatly enlarged without some sacrifice of time, and, it may be, of feeling: but a consciousness of having performed a duty, with the measure of success obtained, will prove a consolation and a reward. An average of five additional subscribers to commence the next half-year from each of our Agents would be to us a very acceptable *New Year's Forget-Me-Not!*

## Notice.

Divine Service will be held (D. V.) on WEDNESDAY next (CHRISTMAS) at the Anglo Street Church at 11 A. M., and at Brunswick Street Church at 7 P. M. The usual collections will be taken up for the Poor.

The weather, during the last week, has been changeable. The rain and fog on Tuesday were very unpleasant, and the walking was horrible. Wednesday was clear and cold, with sharp, biting wind. Old winter is coming in his chariot of storms, and wrapped in his mantle of snow. The poor dread his early appearance. May the rich consider the wants of their destitute brethren.

Judge Marshall is about commencing the delivery of a series of important Lectures at the New Temperance Hall. Particulars will be given hereafter.

The *Albion* and *Journal of Temperance*, an official Organ of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of this Province, it is expected, will make its appearance in an enlarged form on Tuesday next.

Mr. Outram, Junr., delivered an interesting Lecture on Chemistry on Wednesday evening last at the Mechanics' Institute.

A Lady of Truro has manufactured a *Fourth Ring* of a very superior quality, which is intended for the London Exhibition.

Several Fire Wardens of the City have recently tendered their resignation. This is a matter of regret.

The *Guardian* says that he is pained to learn of several attempts being made to fire property in different parts of the city.

The *Christian Messenger* states that, the North Baptist Chapel of this City has been recently enlarged to the extent of about 100 sittings.

A correspondent of the *Sun* says a splendid new Packet is building at Yarmouth for the Boston route, and that there is "strong talk" of putting a good steamer on the route between that port and Boston. The greater the facilities of travelling, the better, say we.

The *Chronicle* gives a report that a Woolen and Cotton Factory is about being established in Nova Scotia, principally by Americans.

Small pox is represented as raging fearfully in Barbadoes.

The cholera still exists in some parts on the North side of Havana, and prevails to a considerable extent on the South side.

Sugar crops at Trinidad are looking promisingly, and higher prices are expected.

The Governor of Ponce (Porto Rico) it is said has lately ordered out all the troops, and mustered the citizens, who were patrolling the streets and wharves, in anticipation of an attack from General Lopez. The people were in consternation.

At latest dates there were still rumours of a war between Brazil and Buenos Ayres.

On the 26th, a grand celebration took place in San Francisco, in honour of the admission of California as a State into the Union.

Cholera is still increasing in California.

The total amount of *Imports*, dutiable, free, and in specie, at the Port of New York for the month of October last, was \$9,754,760; *Exports*, exclusive of specie, for the same month, \$5,600,214.

Dr. E. N. Horsford, formerly of New York city, has been appointed Professor of Chemistry in the Massachusetts Medical College, in the place of Professor J. W. Webster, lately deceased.

E. B. Nichols, of Clarke Co. Ky., was killed on the 23d ult., by two of his slaves.

The Rev. Charles McKay, of Union-street Church St. John, N. B., has been presented with a Gold Watch and Chain, by the members of his congregation as an expression of the high esteem they entertain for him as their Minister.

The New Brunswick Legislature will meet on the 6th of February for despatch of business.