

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

NOVEMBER 1st, 1869.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY—CANADA CONFERENCE.

SERMONS were preached on Sabbath, October 17th, 1869, by the Rev. WM. MORLEY PUNSHON, A.M., *President of the Conference*, and the Rev. CHAS. LAVELL, A.M., *Secretary of the Conference*, on behalf of the Society, in the Wesleyan Church, Ottawa; and on Tuesday evening the Annual Meeting was held in the same place.

The proceedings were commenced by the Rev. R. JONES giving out a suitable hymn, which being heartily sung by the choir and congregation, he then offered up fervent prayer.

The PRESIDENT informed the audience that, in reply to a request from the Committee to His Excellency SIR JOHN YOUNG, the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, to preside at the Annual Meeting, he had received in reply an assurance that he would have been pleased to comply with the requisition, but that Prince Arthur at that time being his guest, he could not be present on the occasion. The Committee then as unanimously turned to their long-tryed and generous friend, JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., of Toronto, who having favorably responded to the invitation, would preside over the business of the meeting.

An abstract of the Report was read by Dr. WOOD, embracing an outline of the Society's operations for the past year, being the forty-fourth since its formation. It appears the Society has 174 Missions, supplied by 186 Missionaries. There are 16 Day-schools and 16 Teachers, who with Interpreters, &c., make a total paid agency of 223, with 17,091 in Church-fellowship.

Dr. TAYLOR read the Financial Statement, shewing the income of the year to be \$82,474.19, of which \$69,784.04 are from Canadian sources. This amount is encouraging to the Committee, being \$2,031.54 ordinary income above last year; and that reaching upwards of \$6,000 above its predecessor, shows the attachment of the people to the principles and plans of the Society. The expenditure,