

Circuits over which he presided, will appear from the following letter, written when this Conference year was about half expired, addressed to the Rev. Joseph Benson, Wesleyan Missionary Secretary, London, England. We give it entire as every little item is valuable in giving the reader an idea of the times of which we write:—

“MONTREAL, Oct. 23, 1809..

35. “REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I received your's of the 22nd of March, and am happy to learn that you all enjoy your usual good health. For my own part I am not so well in health as when I wrote to you before. Some time in the summer past, I broke a blood-vessel, this has been followed by a great weakness and pain in my breast, and at length has brought on my old cough, which attended me in England. The doctors now forbid me preaching at all. It seems, however, hard for one who has the word of the Lord like fire in his bones, to refrain from speaking. Nevertheless, I have to acknowledge that I live far beneath my privilege, and do not enjoy that intercourse with the Supreme God that I might if I were faithful; yet God is kind and still condescends to be with me in a measure. I have lately been in the United States, and attended some very great Camp-meetings; one in the state of Delaware, on the ground belonging to the old Governor, Mr. Bassett; another near Salem, New Jersey; a third in the upper part of Jersey, near Trenton, and a fourth at Croton River, in the New York State; at all of which meetings the Divine presence was singularly manifested, and I think by what I felt and saw myself, as well as from what I have since heard from others, my poor labors were crowned with as great success at some of these meetings as ever they were at any time of my life before. At Salem it was said forty or fifty were awakened under one sermon, the greatest