

# WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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

SERMONS were preached in the Wesleyan Church, Port Hope, on Sabbath, the 9th of October 1870, on behalf of the Society, by the Rev. W. MORLEY PUNSHON, M.A., *President of the Conference*, and the Rev. DR. EVANS, *Co-Delegate*.

The annual meeting of the Missionary Society took place on Tuesday evening, the 11th October. When the appointed hour arrived, the capacious Church was well filled by an intelligent and appreciative audience, who manifested throughout the deepest interest in the proceedings.

At seven o'clock, the Rev. DR. TAYLOR gave out the hymn beginning, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun," &c, which was sung, and the Rev. S. ROSE led in prayer.

The Rev. DR. WOOD announced that the Hon. JAMES FERRIER, of Montreal, had kindly acceded to the request of the Committee to take the chair, and preside at the meeting. This announcement was received with loud applause. Mr. Ferrier has been for many years the faithful and liberal friend of our Missions; and he has placed the Society under additional obligations by coming so long a distance, at considerable inconvenience, to be present at this meeting.

On taking the chair, Mr. FERRIER expressed his great delight on being present, for the first time in Port Hope, on so interesting an occasion. They had enjoyed a pleasant and profitable day in the business of the Committee, and he had no doubt the presence of the Master would be vouchsafed to them on this highly interesting and important Anniversary. He felt that Methodism, from its aggressive energy, its use of lay agency, and its recognition of the social element in human nature, is specially adapted to this growing country. Its progress and success in the United States amply vindicate this adaptation. The past history of Methodism in Canada was full of encouragement, and bright with promise for the future. He felt that a great work was before our Church in this country. Our energy and godly enterprise