

The Answer of the British Conference to the Address of the Irish Conference was read by the Rev. James Dixon.

The Address of the Canadian to the British Conference, and the Answer of the British Conference, prepared by Dr. Hannah, were read by the Sub-Secretary.

This annual interchange of correspondence between the numerous branches of the Great Wesleyan Family, is important, as regularly presenting to view the growing extension of their common interests, and as tending to maintain between them, however separated by distance or distinguished by peculiarities of country, education, or civil government, an unbroken harmony and affection.

The Rev. Samuel Jackson brought up the Report of the Education Committee whereupon it was resolved,

1. That the Conference receive the Report with much satisfaction, and having declared, in their Minutes of last year, that they "were deeply impressed by a sense of the magnitude and urgency of the subject, as affecting the obligations and privileges of the Wesleyan Body" which has been submitted to them by the Rev. Thomas Jackson, and recommended it to the Committee to be prepared, completed, and carried into practical operation. To them is also confided the duty of watching over the rights and interests of our Societies as they may be involved in any legislative and other proceedings on the question of National Education.

The Rev. F. A. West introduced the Resolutions of the Centenary Committee, passed at their meetings of July 31st, and August 2nd. They were unanimously adopted by the Conference, and may be found in a preceding column.

#### CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

THE ample information, on all subjects connected with this great object which has been diffused by means of the Centenary Meetings, held in various parts of the United Kingdom, and by the excellent and popular Centenary Volume, appears to have rendered unnecessary such a Special Deputation, consisting of the President, Ex-President and Secretary, as was contemplated by the Conference of 1838. The Conference therefore directed, that the Preachers of each Circuit, make and execute their own arrangements for the devotional celebration of the first complete Centenary of the United Societies of Wesleyan Methodists, as in other respects appointed by the Minutes of last year. The Conference recommends, that the members and friends of our Societies, throughout the Connexion, unite in grateful and devout acknowledgment of the great and numerous blessings involved in the commencement and progress of Methodism, by simultaneous religious meetings, on Friday, Oct. 25th, 1839:—that on the morning of that day, public prayer meetings be held in all our principal Chapels;—that a public Religious Service be held in the forenoon and evening, as usual on the Lord's Day:—and that any religious festival which it may be deemed expedient to provide for the poorer members of our Societies, and for the children taught in our Sunday Schools, shall take place on the Monday following, viz. October 28th.

The Conference adopted, on the motion of the Rev. Thomas Jackson, Ex-President, the following Resolution, for the purpose of rendering the Public Religious Services of the Body more instructive and edifying.

The existing rules already require that wherever divine service is performed in England, on the Lord's day, in Church hours, the officiating preacher shall read either the service of the Established Church, our venerable Father's abridgement, or at least, the

lessons appointed by the Calendar; but we recommend either the full service or the abridgement.

In addition to this regulation, the Conference now further directed, that at every public religious service, whether in the afternoon, or the evening, of the Lord's day, or on the week-day evenings, one chapter of the Holy Scriptures shall be read before the sermon is preached.

The President rose and said—"And now my beloved Brethren, I think we may close the various and important business of our present Conference. Having proceeded thus far in the usual plan of our proceedings, we shall come together to-morrow evening to unite in the celebration of the Lord's Supper; and I would press upon you the importance of devoting much of the interval to prayer, that we may stand, under the hallowing influence which we expect in that solemn ordinance, those great principles which unite us to God and to his Church. Let us look forward for a special effusion of the Holy Spirit; much of the success of our labours in the coming year may very greatly depend upon the rich and copious communication of the divine influence which, at the table of our Lord, may be shed forth upon us. There is no event connected with our Annual Assembly which to my mind is more solemn, more deeply impressive, and more strikingly admonitory than the separation of the Brethren to their respective circuits. Often, in my humble place, sitting in the corner of a pew, have I given vent to the feelings which the affecting occasion has called forth. But now, if I were to suppress them, my emotions would overpower me. When your kindness placed me in the station which I occupy, I was astonished,—I trembled,—I prayed,—I knew not how I should be able to fulfil its arduous and responsible duties. God, in great condescension, has supported me; to Him be all the glory. I am a worm before him. I am humbled by the expressions of your fraternal affection and confidence. I thank you most cordially and sincerely;—you possess my individual regard and esteem. I shall be happy if, during the year, I can render any service to any one of my brethren;—if in any way I can be "the Minister of God" to them. Allow me to request the continuance of your prayers on my behalf. You know not how cheering it has been to my spirit to hear your daily intercessions to God for me. I thank you with my whole heart. I ask as a particular favour that you would thus continue to remember me where your remembrance will be the most valuable and availing. The love which thus unites us will be the most endearing;—it is originated by the Holy Spirit, and nourished by those hallowing influences which descend upon us in answer to prayer. If I have grieved any one (cries of "No, no,")—if by any incautious word I have wounded the feelings of any brother (general cries of "No, no" repeatedly,) I sincerely regret it, and if he will come to me, I will earnestly ask his forgiveness. (Cries of "No, no.") We are now about to separate, but before our next annual assembly some will be removed from their spheres of labour, to their mansions of glory. I look upon the venerated fathers of the body who surrounded me, with feelings of indescribable admiration and love; but I am deeply affected by the thought, that we may see the faces of some of them no more; that, before we meet again, they may be numbered with the sainted dead. They will live in our warmest recollections; and it shall be the object of our holy ambition, to tread in their steps. May God prepare each of us, for the events of the coming year.

And this is our Centenary year!—memorable year!—it receives glory from the past, it casts glory upon the future, heightened and perfected by the burnings forth of that glory which shall fill the whole earth. I trust the year will be distinguished by numerous and extensive revivals of religion throughout the Connex-