

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

NOVEMBER 1st, 1871.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CANADA.

SERMONS were preached in St. Catherines, on Sabbath, the 8th of October, 1871, on behalf of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. The PRESIDENT of the CONFERENCE preached in the morning in St. Paul Street Church. The Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, Co-Delegate, of Kingston, preached in the same place in the evening. In the new Welland Avenue Church, Rev. Dr. GREEN preached in the morning, and Rev. GEORGE COCHRAN, of Toronto, in the evening.

THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

The Anniversary Meeting was held in the St. Paul Street Church, on Tuesday evening. Notwithstanding that rain was falling fast, a large congregation was present. The hymn commencing,

“The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord,”

was sung by the congregation, after which the Rev. Dr. RICE led in prayer.

The HON. J. C. AIKINS, Secretary of State for the Dominion of Canada, presided over the meeting. In taking the chair he expressed his gratification at being called to preside over such a meeting, assembled for so noble and important a purpose. Missions in this country are a necessity. The energy and enterprise of our people in forming new colonies, and finding out new homes, render it necessary that the Church should follow them up, and give them the word of life. Among these new and distant settlements, the Gospel has won its most signal triumphs. The small beginnings of this Society have grown into large dimensions. The past is full of inspiration for the future. Looking at that future, and remembering that we are laying the foundation of nationhood, we must realize our obligation. But, if we would be powerful and effective in the future,