

Bermuda constituted its southern extremity ; consequently, when that Conference was incorporated with others, and formed the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, though not within the bounds of the Dominion, similar to Newfoundland, it became a part of ourselves, to share in our sympathies and care. Its postal relationship is with Halifax, N.S., whilst free and rapid access to its beautiful climate is uninterrupted through all seasons of the year. We give selections from letters recently received from the Rev. Messrs. Brown and Wasson, as to the present state of the work of God there :—

*From the Rev. R. WASSON, dated Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 9th, 1877.*

Hamilton is the capital of Bermuda. It has always been the head of our operations in these islands. And that the most important part of our work centres here the following facts will show. We have more church accommodation, larger congregations, and we raise more Missionary monies than St. George and its outlying appointments. We have commenced the

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in this city, the foundation of which has just been completed. The plans for this building are not yet completed, but its size is 106 by 52 feet. It is to have a basement which will be twelve feet in the clear. It is also to have a spire. Estimated cost from £4,000 to £5,000, or \$20,000 to \$25,000. Will seat over 600 persons, and built of Bermuda stone. I may write a little more at length here. The erection of this church has been talked of for more than ten years, and a commencement was made some years ago, but circumstances conspired to make the scheme a failure at that time. In common with my officials I feel and realize the magnitude of this undertaking. The decision we have reached is this—we will begin to build in the name of the Lord, and we will go forward as He helps and prospers us.

You will want to know what are our prospects financially to complete this work. The case stands thus—we opened a subscription among our people covering a space of three years, which will give us, when the

canvass is completed, about £2,000, or \$10,000. We hope, through the means of bazaars, lectures, concerts, etc., and the assistance of friends in and outside of Bermuda, to augment our funds to \$15,000. The present property we intend to dispose of in one of two ways : 1st. To sell. This would probably realize \$5,000. 2nd. To fit up the buildings as residences, and mortgage the concern and still hold control of it. This latter seems a good course ; for, after a few years, we might be able to clear off the whole indebtedness, and the income would be of great service to the work on this circuit. If we should realize all these plans to the fullest extent, there would probably be a debt, more or less, on the new church. This we will endeavour by all possible means to avoid.

You may possibly think in looking at all these matters that our prospects are none the brightest. This is exactly our view of the whole matter, but we are by no means discouraged.

You will naturally enough wish to know some of our reasons for undertaking this great work. The following are the principal reasons in the case. Our present edifice is very old, out of all proportion, and has not one attractive feature about it. It does not at all compare with the other churches in this town. Its arrangements in every way are exceedingly imperfect. In fact, it could not be less pretentious than it is, and we often feel positively ashamed of it. It is too small. This is owing largely to its peculiar