

families have come forward at this time to give up themselves unto the Lord, and unite with his people in leading their respective charges to a better inheritance. One of these is upwards of 80 years of age, another upwards of 70 years; both of whom are happy in the Lord. Two other persons are upwards of 60 years of age, but the greater part were in the prime of life, and many just setting out in the world. What a mercy to have the blessing of piety to guide and support them in the journey through life!

The meetings continued from day to day, with only one exception, from the 11th to the 23d of April, on which day it was thought advisable to give an invitation to all who wished to become candidates for membership in the Wesleyan Society; the result of which was, that one hundred and twenty-three persons gave in their names as such, only about five of whom had previously belonged to the Society. How truly we may exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" To his name alone be all the glory. From the best calculation that I have been able to make, I feel warranted in saying that not less than eighty persons found peace with God during the meeting, and many, I am happy to say, since that time.

Some have expressed their surprise that so great a number of persons should experience religion in so short a time, and in so small a community. The fact is that the whole congregation seemed bowed in penitence before the Lord; nor should this be thought surprising when it is remembered how much ministerial labours, chiefly Wesleyan, have been expended on this part of the Lord's vineyard. As it respects the smallness of the community, I would remark, that many of the persons who gave in their names reside two, three, or four miles from the chapel, in different directions, so that there is ample scope for a much more extensive revival of religion in Lower Horton; and we are continually praying, and I hope, believing for it. That such a glorious inroad upon Satan's kingdom will meet the approbation of the worldling, or the lukewarm professor of religion, is scarcely to be expected. But my hands are too full of employment to anticipate objections; but perhaps the best plan will be, to leave the Almighty to vindicate his own glorious work.

With these sentiments I am, Dear Sir,

Yours most truly,

W. CROSCOMBE.

WESLEYAN METHODISM IN JAMAICA.

We have recently received a letter from one of the Wesleyan Missionaries in Jamaica, dated Feb. 11th, 1839; from which we make the following interesting extract for the gratification of our readers:—

"Our Annual District Meeting closed its sittings on Tuesday last. There were thirty brethren present. During the last year we had an increase in Kingston of 750; and in the District of upwards of 2000, besides 1000 on trial. Several of the Circuits had so augmented their receipts as to be nearly independent. During the District Meeting, the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Coke's arrival in Jamaica occurred, (January 19th) and we kept the Jubilee. We had a public breakfast meeting in Wesley Chapel, and upwards of 1000 persons were present. A subscription was entered into for the Parade Chapel, amounting to upwards of £400."

We add,—There were, at the close of 1837, 18,100 members of society in the Jamaica mission. At the end of 1833, an increase of upwards of 3000 persons was reported, making a total number of members, including those on trial, of upwards of 21,000. Among these are many subordinate gratuitous agents, under the superintendence of 30 regular missionaries. Surely Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We must again request the patience of our friends with respect to deferred articles. We hope soon to satisfy all. We acknowledge, with thanks, articles from "A," Rev. W. Wilson, Rev. A. W. McLeod. If any communications have not been acknowledged, a temporary absence from town must be our apology. Letters have also been received from Mr. Chesley and Rev. Peter Sleep, with remittance.

Boxes have been received by the London ships, from the Book Room, for Rev. Messrs. McLeod, H. Pope, Webb, W. Smith (2 boxes) and Croscombe. They will not be forwarded prior to the District Meeting unless specially requested.

Montreal, April 20.

CLERGY RESERVES.

We are indebted to an attentive friend at Toronto for the following Resolutions, which on the 15th inst. were adopted by small majorities in the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves:—

Resolved, That there be reserved or purchased in each and every Township in the Province, one or more lots of land of one hundred acres each, for a glebe or residence for one or more Clergymen of the Churches of England and Scotland—to be granted or conveyed to such Clergymen for the time being, and their successors lawfully appointed, according to the ecclesiastical constitution of such Churches respectively—no such grant or conveyance to be made until a resident Clergyman be appointed. Provided that no such provision shall be made for more than two Clergymen of each Church in any one Township, and that every Clergyman already enjoying an endowment or provision by grant of lands from the Crown, shall be reckoned as if he were provided for pursuant to this Resolution.

Resolved, That a similar reservation or purchase of one or more lots be made in each Circuit for the resident Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connection with the English Wesleyan Conference, to be granted or conveyed in trust for such resident Ministers for the time being, and their successors, under the discipline of said Church. Provided, that the number of Circuits be limited to one hundred in the whole; and that not more than two such lots be reserved or purchased in any one Circuit, and that no such grant or conveyance be made until there is a resident Minister within such Circuit for each and every such lot, and not less than one Chapel or place of worship built within the Circuit.

Resolved, That all the Clergy Reserves now unsold, and which shall not be reserved for the foregoing purposes, be sold under the rules and regulations from time to time to be in force relative to the sale of Crown Lands. That the proceeds of all past and future sales, subject to the necessary expenditure, for the purchase of lots from time to time, as limited in the foregoing Resolutions, be invested in Provincial Debentures, and the interest to be disposed of as follows:—

1st. To pay each Clergyman of the Churches of England and Scotland, resident according to the first Resolutions, an annual stipend not to exceed £100.

2d. To pay to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the English Wesleyan Conference, or their proper officer, a sum not exceeding £100 per annum, for as many Ministers of that Church as there shall be lots granted and conveyed in each Circuit, according to the second Resolution.

3d. The Surplus of interest not otherwise disposed of, to be expended in the erection of places of public worship throughout the Province generally.

Resolved, That a Board of three commissioners be appointed to carry out the provisions of an Act, to be passed in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be pleased to lay this subject before the Imperial Parliament, and to recommend the passing of an act to give effect to so much of these Resolutions as relates to the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves sold under the authority of the Imperial Statute.

Mr. Cowan moved, seconded by Mr. McKay, that the Resolutions this day adopted upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves, be referred to a Select Committee, with liberty to report by bill or otherwise, and that the said Committee consist of Messrs. Attorney General, Solicitor General, Prince and Sherwood.—*Gazette.*