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Correspondence.

Visit of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, to the Institutions at Sackville.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Oct. 5.
MR. EDITOR.—The Wesleyan Academy at Mount Allison has been favoured with a visit of the Hon. H. T. Mannors Sutton, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, which has resulted largely in the gratification of the friends of the Institution; and, if I may be permitted to venture so far, I think scarcely less so to that of His Excellency himself.
There was necessarily but short notice of His Excellency's intention; but measures were promptly adopted to give him a cordial welcome. The principal buildings were crowded with various corps, among which the flag that has long braved the battle and the breeze—the Ensign of Britain—flowed nobly prominent.
In the fine Hall of the Institution, which was sparingly but chastely ornamented, the reception of His Excellency took place; and on the platform we observed the Officers of the Academy—the Hon. E. B. Chandler, L. C.; A. Smith, E. C.—Blair Botsford, Esq., Sheriff of the County—Rev. W. Temple, Secretary of the Board of Managers, &c., &c. The body of the Hall was occupied by the Students, to the number of upwards of one hundred each of young ladies and young gentlemen. In the gallery there were but few persons, in consequence of the limited notice of His Excellency's intention. The much respected pastor, C. J. Allison, Esq., to the regret of all, was prevented by ill health from being present.
On the entrance of His Excellency, Dr. Evans the esteemed Governor and Chaplain, read the following address:—

To His Excellency, the Honourable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNORS SUTTON, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c., &c.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.—The officers and students of the Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy, duly sensible of the honour conferred by your Excellency upon our Educational Institution, in kindly making arrangements, small multiplied engagements, thus to visit during your Provincial tour, most respectfully tender to your Excellency a hearty and affectionate welcome.

We regard it as peculiarly opportune to be permitted personally to assure your Excellency, that we have shared largely in the general joy, created by the recent intelligence of the signal success which has crowned the efforts of those gallant men, who, by deeds of unparalleled daring and endurance, have so bravely battled for the honour of the Empire, the spread of civilization, and the establishment of political freedom.

We beg your Excellency to accept our united assurances of devoted loyalty to the Crown and Constitution of the British Empire—of our constant attachment to our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and her illustrious Consort—and of profound respect for your Excellency's person and character, in whom we rejoice to recognize the able and worthy representative of Royalty in this flourishing Province. These sentiments and emotions are the legitimate fruit of instruction derived from that Book of Books, whose teachings we regard as indispensable in a well-regulated system of education, and which, if it presents them as co-ordinate, yet inseparable duties, that we "Fear God—honour the King"—and "Submit ourselves to every ordinance of man, for the Lord's sake."

The Institution, whose inmates have the honour to address your Excellency, is the only one of its class in British America, affording, as it does, requisite facilities to youth of both sexes for obtaining a thorough mental and literary training. Originating in, and founded by, the benevolence of one whom we delight to honour, it has established itself in public confidence, and fostered by legislative liberality, the augmentation of which under your Excellency's administration is greatly appreciated by its numerous friends. It is now occupied by upwards of two hundred pupils, whose intelligence and moral culture, it is hoped, through the Divine blessing, will be beneficial to the community in which they are destined to intermingle.

Occupied as we daily are in our respective spheres, in imparting or receiving instruction, tending to sound intellectual and moral culture, based upon Christian principles, we regard it as alike our duty and privilege to pray that the favour of the King of kings may rest upon your Excellency and your eminent advisers, rendering the administration of your Excellency always and abundantly prosperous; and that your Excellency and Mrs. Mannors Sutton, whose amiable qualities and virtuous example we so justly admire, may be blessed with long-continued health, and all domestic felicity.

Signed on behalf of the Officers and Students, HENRY PICKARD, Principal, EMILY EVANS, Governor and Chaplain. MARY E. ADAMS, Chief Preceptress. Mount Allison, Sackville, Oct. 3, 1855.

REPLY.
To the Officers and Students of Mount Allison Wesleyan Academy.
It affords me sincere gratification to meet the officers and students of this flourishing Institution, for whose hearty and affectionate welcome I offer my warmest acknowledgments.

I am fully sensible of your devotion to the crown, and to the Majesty's Representative, I thank you for your assurance of your loyal attachment to our Gracious Queen and her illustrious Consort.

The recent victory in the Crimea is indeed a subject of sincere joy to all Her Majesty's subjects; and while we gratefully recognize the discipline, patience, and gallantry of those who have nobly sustained the honour of the British Empire, we shall acknowledge with hearty thankfulness to the Almighty that it is His gracious Providence which has granted this signal success to the arms of Her Majesty, and to those of her faithful allies.

I rejoice in the assurance that the present efforts of the Officers of the Academy and the within its walls will be blessed by God, and that the social and moral improvement of the people of this Province, and of the benighted intentions of the Founder of this Academy may be fully and completely realized.

Were Mrs. Mannors Sutton present on this occasion, she would, I know, join with me in the expression of our warmest thank to you and the ladies who entertain toward us, and would likewise unite with me in expressing our hearty hope that the Officers of the Institution success of their exertions; and that the Students may through life see reason to be grateful for the advantages which they have derived from this Academy.

J. H. T. MANNORS SUTTON, Sackville, Oct. 2nd 1855.

The National Anthem was then sung with good effect by a choir formed of young ladies and young gentlemen, Students in the Institution, accompanied by the Teacher of Music, on the Piano; after which the Teachers

respectively were presented to His Excellency by the Principal and Dr. Evans. On the part of the Hon. His Excellency, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Evans and the Principal to the other establishment, was greeted with hearty cheers by the Students; who, by his request, enjoyed an immunity from scholastic toils for the remainder of the day. Arranging Institutions of the day, which indicate necessary and promising progress, that of the Wesleyan Academy at Mount Allison, stands forward with noble aspect. Its appliances for furnishing a good literary, scientific, and commercial education, based on religious principles—not sectarian, but scriptural, have been tested sufficiently long, well to earn, and securely to enjoy, public confidence; and those who appreciate such a training as will best effect material and moral development—such a training as is contemplated by the Board of Managers—and especially the Wesleyan Connection in these Provinces, have cause of thankfulness to a gracious Superintendent which has secured for their Institution the talent, the piety, the industry, and the more peculiarly suitable qualifications for such positions as are well occupied respectively by the Principal, and Chaplain and Governor. F. N. M.

Address to Rev. J. F. Bent.

LUNenburg, SEPT. 29th, 1855.
MR. EDITOR.—Although first want of time and subsequently a mistake in the mode of transmission had well nigh deprived my Hopewell friends of the gratification of their generous designs through the accompanying address; which was intended to be presented before I left or immediately forwarded; but which has only now come to hand, I can scarcely feel at ease without some acknowledgment on my part. And accordingly as I have not a more eligible method of replying, and the names are too numerous to print—the address, with a small part of the names is transcribed, which, with the reply, I forward; and which documents together, by inserting in the "Provincial Wesleyan," You will oblige,
Yours truly, &c.,
J. F. BENT.

ADDRESS.
RESPECTED SIR.—We, the undersigned, members of the Wesleyan Church, and other attendants upon your ministry in this Circuit—cannot permit the present opportunity to pass away, without giving some expression to our feelings on the eve of your departure from amongst us to a somewhat distant scene of labour.

Having been only recently apprised of your immediate removal in accordance with the decision of the late Conference, we fear that our limited time may not have permitted us to present you with a testimonial sufficiently indicative of our high appreciation of your services of the last few years, during which you have laboured so much assiduously and zeal to promote our best interests as a Church and as a people. Well knowing that the imperfect arrangements of our Circuit (yet in its infant state) materially added to your ministerial labours, we desire to express our grateful acknowledgments, for the unremitting and successful efforts you have made to place the financial affairs and business arrangements of this Circuit in a form consistent with the enlightened spirit of Wesleyan Methodism, and thereby securing to us not only a healthier monetary condition, but also very much facilitating the duties of your successor in this particular.

While we are humble witnesses to the faithfulness with which you have discharged your ministerial labours amongst us—we pray the Great Head of the Church to continue, still more abundantly, to bless your efforts in the ministry—and that you may still be the honoured instrument in bringing many to Christ.

We beg to tender our best wishes for the future welfare of Mrs. Bent and family, and that you and they may long be spared for future usefulness in our earnest prayer.

We remain, Dear Sir,
Yours very respectfully, &c.,
(Signed)—amongst many others—by the following persons, viz:—
John Smith, J. C. P. John Matthews.
John C. Smith, Circuit-Preacher.
Steward.
Wm. Crozier, Trustee.
Jos. S. Bennett, Trustee. Wm. Steward, Trustee.
Elias Bennett, Trustee. John Barber, Trustee.
Michael Keivor. Oliver Kinne, Steward.
James Keivor. James Smith.
Owen Anderson. Ebenezer Wilbur, Trustee.
John Alcorn, Steward. Wm. Steward, Trustee and Leader, &c. William Chapman, Esq. Abernethy, M.P. P. William Hallett.
Hugh Smith. Harnaby Newcomb.
Peter Maclean, Jr. W. A. Brewster.
Andrew Alcorn. John Bennett, Trustee.
Samuel Smith, Steward. Robert Milburn, Trustee.
Elias Bennett, Trustee. Wm. Steward, Trustee, Steward, &c. John Hawkes, Trustee.
David Strong, Trustee, Elias Peck.
&c. Wm. W. Beaumont.

Hopewell Circuit, Albert Co., N.B., Aug. 1855.

REPLY.
GENTLEMEN AND FRIENDS.—Allow me on receiving your very respectful and affectionate address to remark, that I did not contemplate any such definite expression of regard on leaving the Circuit, which has been the scene of my very poor labours for some two years. I may, however, be the less surprised, as it is only a continuation of the kindness shown me since the first day I came among you. The abundant scope for the exercise of all a Minister's energies on such a station will be disputed by none; and those special Circuit-improvements to which you refer, could not but add to the otherwise almost sufficient toil and care connected with ordinary duties; but any success in mine in those matters will be attributed to the propitious and favour with which my applications were met. The comparatively infant state of your Circuit, and I may add the want of organization (practically speaking) are not altogether peculiar to your District. I fear, however, there is one feature in your address a little misleading in its tendency—I mean the state of progress to which these financial and relative improvements have been brought.

Had my stay among you been extended to another year, I hoped to have seen several of these improvements considerably more advanced; but so far from any regret on my part at your release from them on this account, I am gratified, as these affairs in falling into the hands of your successor will, I presume, be much better managed than I should have found possible. I earnestly desire that he may in this and in the great end of saving souls be very successful among you.

On motion for names of those wishing to join the league being taken, eighty persons (and those of the most respectable and influential of the place) united in organizing, and selected the following officers for the ensuing year:
CHRISTOPHER MILNER, Esq. President.
MR. J. C. EVERETT, Secretary.
WALTER DIXON, Esq. Treasurer.
CHRIS. BOULETSHOUSE, Esq. Business Committee.
JAS. J. EVANS,
HUGH GALLAGHER,
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J. L. BLACK,
JOHN FORD,
ALDER TRUENAM.

Subscription list opened and shares taken on the spot amount of £115, and not the least doubt is entertained but that the full amount of £200 will be raised in a few days.

On motion, Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to Temperance Visitor, Provincial Wesleyan, and Christian Visitor, for publication.
Benediction by Dr. Evans.
J. C. EVERETT, Secretary.

In conclusion, I sincerely and gratefully acknowledge your best wishes and earnest prayer for the future welfare of Mrs. Bent and family, and that we may all be spared for future usefulness.
Sincerely praying that in connection with your newly appointed Ministry you may enjoy great spiritual prosperity the present year, and continuation thereof for many years to come, and that God may abundantly bless you and your families.
I remain, Gentlemen and Friends,
Respectfully and affectionately yours,
J. F. BENT.
Lunenburg, Sept. 29th, 1855.

Prohibitory Law.

SACKVILLE, N. B., TEMPERANCE HALL, Thursday Evening, Sept. 27, 1855.

In accordance with notice given, a meeting was held this evening for the purpose of organizing a Society to aid in carrying out the Prohibitory Liquor Law, coming into operation in this Province on the first of January next.

Meeting opened by singing, and prayer by the Rev. William Temple.
Rev. Dr. Evans called to the chair, who in appropriate and interesting remarks, made known the object of the meeting.
J. C. Everett appointed Secretary to the meeting.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:
1st. Moved by Rev. Wm. Temple and seconded by Rev. James Taylor.—
Resolved.—That this meeting regard with lively satisfaction, the Act of the Legislature, prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and traffic of intoxicating liquors, as a legal measure, absolutely necessary to put an end to intemperance, and to the wretchedness, pauperism, and crime by which it ever accompanies.

2nd. Moved by Rev. T. B. Smith, and seconded by Rev. G. J. McDonald.—
Resolved, that this meeting, alive to the importance of a faithful enforcement of such law, (not only with a view to carry out its benevolent objects) but to prevent its repeal, which is already speculated upon by its enemies—and firmly impressed that it being promptly and fearlessly upheld and maintained, depend, in a great measure, upon the united and firm determination of the friends of Temperance in the Province at large.

Therefore Resolved, That at this crisis the friends of Temperance are called to renewed and increased exertions to exterminate the traffic in intoxicating liquors;—
And further Resolved, That it is desirable that a Society be formed in this Parish, to be called the Sackville Prohibitory Law League.

On motion of Chris. Milner, Esq., seconded by Rev. Humphrey Peckard, the following Constitution was unanimously adopted:—
NAME.—That this Society shall be known as the Sackville Prohibitory Law League.

ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.—That the Members of such League be rate payers and other friends of temperance residing in Sackville.

PURPOSE.—We pledge ourselves to aid fearlessly and honestly in carrying out the Act of the Legislature passed to prevent the importation, manufacture and traffic of intoxicating liquors.

OFFICERS.—That the Officers of this League be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Business Committee, seven of whom are to be elected by the League; also Vice Presidents, additional Committee men, and Vigilant Committee, to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

That at any subsequent local meeting held in the Parish, a Vice President may be appointed, if fifty persons join the League at such meeting; and a Business Committee man for every twenty-five persons who in like manner join the League.

That the Business Committee be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the seven persons appointed at this meeting, and Committee men to be appointed hereafter at local meetings of the League, and that five compose a quorum, of whom the President, Secretary or Treasurer shall be one.

That the duty of the President is to preside at all public and other meetings of the League, and if absent one of the Vice Presidents to preside. The Secretary to record the proceedings of the League and carry on any correspondence required by the Business Committee. The Treasurer to receive the contributions to the League and disburse same as directed by a quorum of the Business Committee.

The duties of the Business Committee shall be to appoint a Vigilant Committee, consisting of one or more persons in each school district in the Parish, arrange all public meetings, and perform all duties necessary to sustain the Vigilant Committee in the performance of their duties, and all other persons in procuring a strict enforcement of the Prohibitory Liquor Law, hold meetings on the first Monday of each month, or oftener if the President or any three of the Committee think it advisable, and generally to give all aid and assistance in their power to carry out the objects of the League.

The duties of the Vigilant Committee shall be to prosecute for all violations of the Act to prevent the importation, manufacture and traffic of intoxicating liquors, make monthly reports of their proceedings to the Business Committee, and in case of any appeal to take such further action as directed by the Business Committee.

"That the funds of this League be made up from Collections to be taken at its public meetings, and a reserve fund of £200 to be secured by subscription in shares of One Pound each, to be called in ratably, when and as the Business Committee may require the same, such funds to be applied in defraying the ordinary expenses of the League, and in supplying funds to the members of the Vigilant Committee (the executive officers of the League), to enable them to enforce the law without suffering loss to themselves."

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Deputation to America from the Irish Conference.

The New York Christian Advocate and Journal of Sept. 27th, announces the arrival of the Reverend Robinson Scott, the deputation to visit America for the purpose of enlisting the sympathies and securing the subscriptions of Wesleyans on this continent, in behalf of a fund which it has been determined to raise, to aid in the invigoration and extension of the agencies of Methodism in Ireland. He is accompanied by the Rev. Wm. Arthur, himself an Irishman, and whom, at the urgent solicitation of the Irish Conference, the Missionary Committee have generously released for a few months from his important duties as a General Secretary, that he might give the effective aid of his high abilities to the attainment of the objects which the Irish Conference have in view. The Rev. Robinson Scott holds a high rank in the Irish Ministry, and the Rev. William Arthur has a reputation for eloquence and ability familiar to every Methodist. The cause in which they are now engaged is one which must commend itself not only to Irishmen and Methodists, but to Protestant Christians of every name. We take the following from a letter which the Rev. Robinson Scott addressed to the Christian Advocate explanatory of the circumstances under which they have been deputed to visit America:—
For a long series of years Irish Methodism has suffered a steady drain of its best and most respectable families through emigration. In many districts of the country, where a few Protestants resided among a dense population of Romanists, the remnants have been so numerous that in some instances no families remain to receive the preacher, and consequently no services have been given up; in other cases, churches have left, and consequently classes are scattered; many of the families from among whose rising members we had reason to hope for our best agents, removed just as the young people began to be active, and their services to the Church have been rendered in other scenes. This state of things continuing from year to year, naturally tended to produce a feeling of the greatest concern in the minds of our friends as to the future history of our Connection in that country.

At the same time, as no schools existed in the country where our youth could be trained without being under influences adverse to their Methodist principles, we were constantly exposed to see the most hopeful of them giving their talents to those under whom they had been educated, and too often turning them against us. In the midst of this state of things the disasters of the famine fell upon all classes of the people, and a number of merciful Providence has brought a number of religious, political, social, and religious, which inspire all the friends of Ireland with confidence that a change in the tide of her affairs has come, and that better days are opening before her.

The Methodists of Ireland rejoice to see other Churches in this country awake to the importance of the crisis, supported by noble friends from different quarters, and actively spreading Protestant agencies through many parts of the country. But they would feel it a double shame to them to be behind in these efforts; for when they first began their labours these Churches were asleep, and in many of the districts which they now occupy the first missionaries were sent out by the Rev. Mr. Moore, and did preachers. They now see many towns where a minister should reside, only visited once a fortnight or once a month for week-day preaching; many other important places with service but once a Sabbath; and thousands of towns and villages without any Methodist labours whatever. They are determined, in the strength of the Lord, to make a great effort that this state of things shall be remedied.

Agents, and resources to sustain them, are the two great wants. As to the former, our friends feel that we have no right to expect them if we leave all the sons of our ministers and chief friends to be educated by those who will do all that education can do to win them from us to the Established Church. Therefore, one capital part of the scheme for an increase of Methodist agency in Ireland is an educational institution, where those of our boys who seek a superior education may get it; as to ministers' sons, on terms within their fathers' reach; as to laymen, on the ordinary terms; but as to all, combined with Methodist doctrine and usage. Your people in this country, for their own happier circumstances in this respect, can form but a faint idea of the importance of such a step, in a country where no classical schools are to be had, and where the only means of education are those of the Established Church. But let them understand that this is only a means to an end; the end is the increase of Methodist agency; and for that this institution will exist.

Schools for the poor are equally necessary with schools for the more influential, and another part of the objects now contemplated lies in increasing them. More Methodist preachers, and more Methodist schools is the great end; and a part of the means is—provide a permanent educational institution, and release, by building parsonages, the large sum now annually paid for the rent of minister's houses, that it may go to support labourers on now neglected fields. Had funds been available many excellent men might have been called into activity who have this kind of talents, and are now in other Churches.

The extent to which preachers, Bible readers, and other agents ought to be increased can hardly be computed. It admits, however, of no doubt, that every village in Ireland ought to have the opportunity of at least a weekly visit from a preacher. To do this would require far more than double our present agency.

To set the plan for an increase of agency fairly on foot, our friends in Ireland felt that to raise at once a great fund was necessary. They were few, and far from rich; the majority of them very poor. But though they believed that in America their case would excite much sympathy, they strongly felt that before appealing to others they must do what lay in their own power. To the British Conference they could not look for more help, as it grants annually a large sum both for its mission and its home funds to sustain the work in Ireland. The steady continuation of this was that could be expected, but it remained to be seen what Ireland could do for herself, and what the might hope from America. It was resolved that, till five thousand pounds sterling were raised by our Irish friends alone, no help should be asked elsewhere. Considering their weaknesses in numbers and means, some thought that this resolution would protect you in America from ever hearing of us. But a meeting was called in Belfast. The whole of the Conference and a large number of friends breakfasted in a spacious public hall. The president of the British Conference and an influential deputation is entertained but that the full amount of £200 will be raised in a few days.

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by those who were there, the Irish Methodists laid upon the altar of God, for the service of their country, eight thousand eight hundred pounds sterling. The country was then divided into six districts, and a deputation appointed to each. We have heard of the result in one of these, which raises the eight to ten thousand pounds. The result of the rest will doubtless much increase this sum.

The original idea was to raise £20,000; now among your ministers hundreds who were born on Irish soil, among your members thousands who remember dear spots and tender scenes in our native land. All of these would bear to see Ireland pervaded with Methodist agency. We have already received many assurances that we may count on their lively sympathy and practical help. Among your American Church members and ministers we know there are thousands who, without any hereditary connexion with our country, feel for Ireland, and would act toward their brethren there as the strong to the weak; and would show that they love the land of the first man who preached a Methodist sermon in America, and would desire to assist all who are endeavouring to make that population which annually pours into the States safer for the interests of a free and a Protestant country, and would rejoice to see as much done for Ireland by your Church as for France or Germany.

The Advocate also contains a list of contributions received in Ireland, among which we notice several noble donations of five hundred pounds each. Wm. McARTHUR, Esq., of Londonderry, who accompanied the deputation, subscribed one thousand pounds.

Petite Riviere Circuit.
The following interesting letter from the Rev. HENRY POPE, JUNR., gives a pleasing account of the proceedings and proceeds of a Mission House Aid Tea Meeting recently held in this Circuit:—
Owing to various engagements, I have been obliged to defer until now communicating to you some intelligence respecting a Mission-house Aid Tea Meeting, furnished by the Ladies of the Wesleyan Church in this place on Thursday the 18th ult.

Many of your readers may not be aware that Petite Riviere was but recently constituted the head of a distinct Circuit, our noble-hearted people having previously evinced their devout attachment to Methodism by building a commodious and very comfortable Mission House. But according to Wesleyan usage, the Mission House must be supplied with useful furniture; and as the business of this department chiefly devolves upon the female portion of our Society, our fair friends in this quarter have most unobtrusively manifested their disposition to be thought of behind their compatriots on other Circuits, in providing in this respect for the domestic comfort of their pastor and his family. Having already made a handsome commencement, it became a question how their generous wishes might be fully carried out; so at length they concluded that while in other places the same object was accomplished by either the monthly sewing Circle or the annual Bazaar, they should do the yearly Tea Meeting. The day appointed for the meeting was the 10th inst. Arrived at the hour appointed a company of not less than one hundred and fifty persons were assembled in the building selected for the occasion, which presented a pleasing appearance, being decorated with graceful evergreens, interspersed with a few of the surviving flowers of the departed summer.

Having seated themselves around the various tables, these cheerful guests partook with evident enjoyment of the rich and bountiful provisions which were spread before them in tasteful display. After tea most elegant and highly appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Sutcliffe, Moore, and Avery. The Rev. Mr. Avery, being the first speaker, in a very complimentary style expressed the pleasing views which the surrounding scene suggested to his mind of the social, moral and religious condition of the Wesleyans of Petite Riviere, and by various powerful motives urged them to advance in the right direction which they had evidently taken. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, who, in a speech calculated to elevate the mind and improve the heart, expanded and illustrated the true Testament principles so fully established by facts, that "he who will not live for another, shall not live for himself"—not forgetting, ere he resumed his seat, to assure the ladies that although he had been a guest at numerous tea meetings in various parts of the world, he had never seen anything to surpass the sumptuous entertainment their liberality had supplied. The Rev. Mr. Moore, in his usual happy and interesting manner evoked grateful thoughts and feelings by instituting a comparison between the present circumstances of the Wesleyans and the general occupants of this and other portions of our prosperous and highly favoured Province.

At an early hour the company dispersed, thankful that they had been privileged to attend the first Wesleyan Tea Meeting in Petite Riviere. The proceeds of the Meeting amounted to upwards of £16.

Tea Meeting at Cornwallis.
The Wesleyan Methodists of East Cornwallis, during the year 1854, resolved upon erecting a new and larger place of worship in the old Chapel, built during the Rev. Mr. Burt's ministrations upon the Circuit. Canning was deemed the most suitable place, and accordingly a beautiful Sanatorium, to be hereafter dedicated to the service of the Most High, is in course of erection—one, that, when completed, will be an ornament to the rising and beautiful village—and highly creditable to those, through whose commendable exertions the work has been accomplished. A suitable and commodious Mission-house is likewise being built in the immediate vicinity of the Chapel—and the two buildings are computed to cost, when finished and furnished, nearly £1000. However liberally the friends generally contributed by private subscriptions, yet it was considered necessary to hold a public Tea Meeting in the Chapel, to aid the Trustees. The day appointed was Thursday the 27th ult., which proved in every respect one of the most delightful days that could have been desired. As the time of assembly approached, the friends of Methodism from all parts of the Townships of Cornwallis and Horton, were directing their course to the centre of attraction, the New Methodist Chapel. Previous to the gathering together of the people, it was considered doubtful whether there would be a sufficient number to fill the 15 tables twice. They were however unexpectedly filled four and five times—and about 700 persons partook of the abundant and rich repast supplied by

the Ladies, with their usual cheerfulness and ability, and to whom, too much in praise cannot be said—for they gave fullest proof that Tea Meetings in Cornwallis cannot be surpassed in any part of the world. The decorations displayed so much taste—the well-laid tables—the excellent quality of the tea and coffee—together with the attention and care evinced—prove that the Ladies of this Township are of no common order.

During the Tea, the members of the Wesleyan Amateur Band performed with their usual skill and celebrity; and at the Public Meeting the choir delighted the vast audience with some sacred pieces—which were sung in a manner altogether creditable and praiseworthy. Speeches were delivered by the Rev. C. W. Beals, the superintendent; the Rev. C. W. Beals, from the pulpit; and the Preacher upon the Circuit. Notwithstanding the assemblage was so great, ample provision remained—sufficient to have supplied nearly as many more as had taken tea.

The proceeds far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine; the sum realized being upwards of £500. In every respect, this proved one of the most delightful and harmonious meetings ever held in the Township. Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, and Wesleyans, mingled together as brethren, and evidenced that love which should ever be the distinguishing badge of the disciples of Christ.

On the following day a festival was held in the same place, for the children, teachers, and friends of the Sabbath School. Hymns, portions of Scripture, and sections of the Conference Catechism, were recited with very great credit and satisfaction by about 25 of the children—who gave evident proof that the labours of those employed in instructing them are being crowned with success; and our ardent and sincere wish and prayer is, that many of them may become "bright and shining lights," which shall tend to dispel the darkness and gloom of sin; and that finally they and their teachers may sit down to that feast which we anticipate in the mansions of Glory—everlasting love.

WEST CORNWALLIS.
A meeting of more than ordinary interest was held on Tuesday the 2nd inst., for the purpose of giving the children composing the interesting Sabbath School, in this part of the country, a trial. The large attendance of parents and members of Society proved the deep interest they take in the welfare of this "Nursery of the Church." The Hall, in which they met, was tastefully decorated—and the tables spread most sumptuously. After invoking the Divine blessing, by singing—

"Be present at our table Lord, &c." the children, who, by their smiling countenances, gave evidence of their inward joy and satisfaction, sat down and did justice to the luxuries with which they were abundantly supplied. They then retired to amuse themselves with the Public Meeting (about 200) took tea. The Public Meeting was commenced by singing and prayer—and afterwards some of the scholars recited some appropriate pieces, much to the delight of all present. The ages of those who took part in these exercises ranged from 5 to 20 years; and truly manifested their disposition to be thought of behind their compatriots on other Circuits, in providing in this respect for the domestic comfort of their pastor and his family. Having already made a handsome commencement, it became a question how their generous wishes might be fully carried out; so at length they concluded that while in other places the same object was accomplished by either the monthly sewing Circle or the annual Bazaar, they should do the yearly Tea Meeting. The day appointed for the meeting was the 10th inst. Arrived at the hour appointed a company of not less than one hundred and fifty persons were assembled in the building selected for the occasion, which presented a pleasing appearance, being decorated with graceful evergreens, interspersed with a few of the surviving flowers of the departed summer.

Having seated themselves around the various tables, these cheerful guests partook with evident enjoyment of the rich and bountiful provisions which were spread before them in tasteful display. After tea most elegant and highly appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Sutcliffe, Moore, and Avery. The Rev. Mr. Avery, being the first speaker, in a very complimentary style expressed the pleasing views which the surrounding scene suggested to his mind of the social, moral and religious condition of the Wesleyans of Petite Riviere, and by various powerful motives urged them to advance in the right direction which they had evidently taken. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, who, in a speech calculated to elevate the mind and improve the heart, expanded and illustrated the true Testament principles so fully established by facts, that "he who will not live for another, shall not live for himself"—not forgetting, ere he resumed his seat, to assure the ladies that although he had been a guest at numerous tea meetings in various parts of the world, he had never seen anything to surpass the sumptuous entertainment their liberality had supplied. The Rev. Mr. Moore, in his usual happy and interesting manner evoked grateful thoughts and feelings by instituting a comparison between the present circumstances of the Wesleyans and the general occupants of this and other portions of our prosperous and highly favoured Province.

At an early hour the company dispersed, thankful that they had been privileged to attend the first Wesleyan Tea Meeting in Petite Riviere. The proceeds of the Meeting amounted to upwards of £16.

Life Assurance.
We feel much gratification in recording the fact that as the principles of Life Assurance become more fully known and understood by the people of these provinces, a growing appreciation, as is natural, of the great benefits which their application confers upon those who are well enough to secure a participation therein, is generally manifested; and a prudent determination to have recourse to this means of security against the contingency of the future, begins to be evinced by all classes in our Colonial communities.

We have now before us various reports and papers of the Colonial Life Assurance Company, of Edinburgh, and the Report for 1854 of the Star Life Assurance Society, of London, both of which have agencies established and in successful operation throughout British America. We are glad to find in perusing their statements, that success, not only satisfactory but beyond the most sanguine anticipations of their respective originators, has attended the operations of each of these valuable institutions. In the affairs of the Star as our readers will have learned from the standing advertisement in our columns are highly presided over by gentlemen in connexion with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and are here conducted by Martin Gay Black, Junr., Esq. Of the progress of its business we shall let the report before us speak:

"Ten years have now elapsed since the formation of the STAR LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, and during the whole of that period, at the Annual Meetings, the Directors have had to congratulate the Share and Policy Holders, on the onward course of the affairs of the Institution, and its general prosperity.

"Each year the Directors have expressed their belief in the ultimate prosperity of the 'Star,' and have ventured to predict its future standing in the ranks of the numerous Companies established in this country for similar objects, and they may say that in a great measure, their predictions and hopes have been realized, and the Society, whose interests they have carefully watched, and to which they have given so much time and labour, has attained a status beyond their most sanguine expectations.

"The result of the business, in the year 1853, is as follows: Number of proposals for new Policies, 1044 for £261,925, of which have been declined by the Directors, or parties proposed 239 for £87,430. And 707 Policies were completed for £426,855, leaving at the end of the year 98 Proposals in course of completion, for the sum of £46,650."

Turning now to the latest Report of the COLONIAL—which was made up of the investigation of its affairs and division of profits in 1854, we make the following extracts, explanatory of the reasons which induced its establishment, and the prosperity by which it has been attended:—
"In 1845, during the progress of the Investigation of the affairs of one of the most extensive of the Scottish Life Assurance Offices, it appeared to the Directors of that Company, on consid-

eration of a Report by the Actuary who conducted the investigation, that the extra rates levied by Offices in general for Foreign Residences, were very much beyond what was required to protect them from the extra rates levied, and that the terms and conditions of Assurance were not suited to such transactions—keeping in view more particularly, the increased facilities afforded for travelling abroad, and the constant inducements to Foreign residence, arising from the pursuit of business or pleasure. This investigation, however, more settled the former opinion, and confirmed the latter, and the Directors, in consequence of the Company referred to, resolved to conduct an inquiry as to the possibility of procuring sound data on which to found more equitable rates for Foreign Assurance.

"This inquiry was conducted by your present Actuary. He brought together all accessible information as to the value of Life in British North America, the West Indies, Cape of Good Hope, Australia, and other places abroad. It included not merely statistical facts and figures, but the opinion of the most eminent Medical Men of these countries were sought; men who had spent the greater part of their lives in the particular climate under consideration. The information obtained was of the most valuable kind, and proceeding partly on statistics, where available, and partly on sound opinion, the result was, not merely the revision of the rates of the existing Office whose affairs were under investigation, but the formation of a New Company, under the Title of THE COLONIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

"Those who were engaged in the business of Life Assurance in 1846, can no doubt call to mind the first appearance of the COLONIAL COMPANY; and if some doubt of its prospects, since that time, or two instances, may be given, which do not acknowledge that it has given confidence in Foreign business, opened up a wide field for those who intend to pursue such business abroad, and conferred a vast benefit upon the Colonies themselves.

"The Company were received from the first in every Colony with the promise of business, and the support of the highest authorities was accorded. The Report now submitted is the best evidence of the success which has attended its operations throughout.