

preached his farewell sermon, prior to his removal to Quebec, where he has been appointed to labour in the ensuing year.

On Thursday morning, at 6 o'clock, the Leaders and Stewards of the Society at Charlotte Town, were admitted into the District meeting, to express the gratification which had been afforded to them, by the presence and labours of the Preachers while in town, during the meeting; and the District was then concluded with prayer, by Messrs. Knowlan and W. Smith.

The following is the Address presented by the Stewards, with the Reply of the Meeting:—

ADDRESS.

To the Reverend, the Chairman and Ministers of the Wesleyan Church in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton, &c., &c., &c.; in Conference.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

Your assembling together to hold your annual Conference among us, forms a new era in the annals of Methodism in this place, and demands from us an expression of gratitude to God, and a reciprocation of "good will" to you as heralds of his grace.

We have long desired to see the day when the doctrines of Christianity, as preached by the apostolic Wesley and his successors in the Ministry, should so far triumph here, as to render this station sufficiently important, to invite the assemblage of our venerated and respected preachers in the District, not for the mere transaction of business, however important, but to hold, as we deemed it, a great and hallowed festival of our church:—we have lived to see that day, and are glad. The event, we are persuaded, will not be lost, but will be the means of lasting good to us, and to the community at large.

If the preaching of one faithful sermon may have an important bearing upon the destinies of a congregation, assembled under ordinary circumstances, we are justified in the confident anticipation of those higher results, which may be expected to follow the varied and faithful exhibitions of the doctrines of the Cross, which we have witnessed—attended with the heart-stirring, and hallowing influence of the Holy Spirit which we have felt, and accompanied and followed by the fervent prayer of enlarged congregations, in which we have heartily joined. May the great Head of the Church acknowledge these services, and crown them with his blessing to the day of eternity.

We look back to the time when the Pioneers of Methodism, like the Disciples of old who were scattered around, began the laborious work of removing the impediments, to make way for the army of the Lord; and then gaze with adoring gratitude upon the scenes of conquest and triumph which you have witnessed, and the spoils which you have seen, and are compelled to exclaim in the language of prophetic exultation "What hath God wrought?"

Time was—and that period is remembered—when all the members of our society could sit around the friendly hearth of a pious brother, and detail, for mutual encouragement the mercies of their gracious Benefactor:—and when the congregation assembled in a small apartment to hear this Gospel preached to them: but now there are eleven large classes in this Town alone, which number in the aggregate about two hundred and fifty members, one half of whom have been added within the last eighteen months; and as the fruit of christian liberality, accommodation is provided for a congregation of eight hundred people in our newly erected chapel, which it has notwithstanding become necessary to enlarge—and a respectable residence, just completed for our Minister, forming an establishment of Mission Premises, which are regarded as being at once a credit to the Christian

liberality of the People and an ornament to the Town.

But the amount of spiritual good, resulting from the conversion of such a number of our fellow-sinners, from the error of their ways—the impulse given to members of other churches—the moral influence exerted upon the community at large,—and the increase of all these blessings are beyond our computation. The reward is on high, and will be revealed in that day, when the Son of Man shall come to be admired of all them that love his appearing.

We would rejoice, however, with trembling, lest we fail in the due improvement of such distinguished privileges, and while we ascribe these blessings—under God—to the establishment in this place, of that faithful ministry which we love, and feel to be our duty to promote and uphold, as far as in us lies, we give the praise, and ascribe the glory to Him, who is the author and giver of all that we enjoy.

Reverend and dear Fathers and Brethren,—May it ever be your glory, in your high and important calling, to unfold the doctrines, and enforce the precepts, of the Gospel of Christ, in all their purity, as entrusted to you by the gracious Providence of God, as the successors of the venerable Wesley:—and may your labours be crowned and rewarded by the great Head of the Church, to whom be the glory and power ascribed, for ever, and ever, Amen.

We are, Reverend and dear Fathers and Brethren,
Your obedient sons in the Gospel,

(Signed on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting)

ISAAC SMITH, Circuit Steward.
Charlotte Town, 13th June, 1838.

REPLY.

To the Officers and Members of the Wesleyan Society, of the Charlotte Town Circuit, P. E. Island.

DEAR AND RESPECTED BRETHREN.

We received your kind and affectionate Address, wherein you express your gratitude to God for having enabled us to hold for the first time, our annual District Meeting in this Town; and also your good will to us, as heralds of the cross.

We are most sincerely rejoiced with you, at the gracious and holy triumph of the doctrines of the Gospel, in Charlotte Town, as preached by the venerable Wesley; who, being dead and now enjoying his reward, continues to speak in his writings, and by us his humble successors in the Ministry. We are thankful to God for the growing prosperity of piety, faith, and holiness among you, for the increase of your numbers; and for the praise-worthy exertions of all classes, in erecting a Temple to the Lord, wherein you can hear the word of life with comfort, and worship God in the "beauties of holiness."

The same liberality has erected a comfortable dwelling for the resident Missionary, which demands our grateful thanks.

But we especially rejoice that our assembling here is deemed, and is felt, to be a hallowed festival to the Lord. We have found it so to our own souls, and trust, with you, that the faithful testimony of God's servants will be attended with everlasting good to the souls of the kind people of Charlotte Town.

The well-filled and sometimes crowded chapel—the deep and affectionate attention to the word—the ardent, fervent prayer—the grateful voice of praise which we have witnessed here, is to us matter of the highest and holiest joy; and we feel no doubt—for we pray and preach in faith—that such services will be crowned with the blessing of God.

We look back with you upon the past—the day of small things, and compare with the present, and cry indeed "What hath God wrought?" We rejoice with you, but with "fear and trembling," lest we should for a moment forget that the Lord is the doer of all the good which is done upon the earth. Our present feeling is, and we pray and hope it will ever be so: "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name be the glory."