

SUMMARY OF ENGLISH NEWS.

CENTENARY OF METHODISM.—The Conference have resolved, that as the year 1839 will complete the first 100 years, since Methodism took its rise, that it shall be celebrated throughout the whole societies. It is expected, that a series of buildings will be erected by subscription, as a 'testimonial' to the genius of Wesley; to comprise: a Theological Institution (the present premises are only hired) and a Mission House, &c., on a large scale. In addition to this, meetings will be held, according to directions on the subject, to be issued by the President.

BRITISH CONFERENCE.—Forty-two ministers were publicly ordained. Their names follow:

John Allin
Nathaniel Alston
Thomas D. Baines
William Bond
William Burnet
James C. Carr
D. M. R. Coghill
Robert Cooke
John Crawshaw
Nehemiah Curnock
John Egglestone
John Fitzgerald
Henry Groves
Samuel Healy
Thomas Healy
W. Hill, jun.
George Hobill
John Hogkirk
F. J. Hobson
Hugh Jones
John Lambert.

John Ross
John Richards
John Russell, [2nd]
Nathan Rouse
John Ryan, [1st]
John Ryan, [2nd]
Henry Smallwood
E. J. Sturges
Charles Taylor
Samuel Taylor
W. B. Thornloe
Benjamin B. Waddy
John Walters
Francis Ward
Samuel H. Wardley
E. B. Walters
G. F. White
Joseph T. Wilkinson
H. W. Williams
Charles Westlake
Thomas Wood

The Rev. Dr. Bunting and Rev. R. Alder, are recommended to have their appointment as Resident Missionary Secretaries confirmed, at the Conference of 1839, for another term of six years.

The following increase was reported in the Wesleyan Societies:

Great Britain	- - 4180	Foreign Stations	- - - 801
Ireland	- - - 221	Total	5130

There were 10,000 on trial, in England and Scotland, in March last, in addition to the above.

The Wesleyan Proprietary School was opened at Sheffield, on the 8th. of August, last; 100 Scholars' names were received on the books. This is the first institution of the kind opened. The building is large, and extremely ornamental; the arrangements are on the first scale; and the benefits resulting from it will be felt by the whole community. The Rev. J. McLean was appointed Governor and Chaplain; the Rev. J. Manners, late of Nottingham, head Master. Speeches were delivered at the opening, by Rev. James Dixon, and J. Montgomery, Esq., the Sheffield Bard. The appearance of the building, is not unlike the new Post Office, London.

The Annual Meeting of the British Association was held in Newcastle, in the month of August. The sittings occupied an entire week, and many distinguished personages were present. Nearly 2000 tickets of admission were issued, and each sitting excited the deepest interest.

The following order of proceedings was promulgated—

"Sectional Meetings.—The Sections will assemble every day during the week, (Saturday excepted) at eleven o'clock, in the following places:

- Section A. Mathematics and Physics—Lecture Room of the Literary and Philosophical Society.
- B. Chemistry and Mineralogy—County Court
- C. Geology and Geography—Music Hall.
- D. Zoology and Botany—County Court.
- E. Medical Science—Surgeon's Hall.
- F. Statistics—Old Academy of Arts.
- G. Mechanical Science—Music Hall.

The committee of each section will meet daily at ten, A. M., in rooms adjacent to the respective section rooms. The communications to each section will be taken in a settled order, as previously fixed by the secretaries, and made public by notice at the inquiry room, Savings' Bank, Arcade, in the Library of the Literary and Philosophical Society, and at the entrance of each section-room.

The model-room will be open during the whole week of the meeting, from eight A. M., to five P. M. A person will be in attendance to give explanations.

Ladies' morning tickets will admit them to the sections A, B, C, and G, and to the model-room, &c.

Evening Meetings, (at 8 p. m.)

On Monday evening, the first general meeting of the Association will be held in the Central Exchange; when the Duke of Northumberland, the president elect, will take the chair, and the address of the general secretaries will be read.

On Tuesday evening, the attention of the meeting will be called to the collection of models in the exhibition room; and the objects in forming such a collection will be pointed out, and some of the models explained by several members of the Association.

On Wednesday evening, the Green Market will be opened for promenade, conversation, and refreshments.

On Thursday evening, the president or other officers of the section, will read Abstracts of the Proceedings that have taken place in their respective sections.

On Friday evening the suit of assembly rooms (enlarged for the occasion) will be opened for promenade, conversation, and refreshments.

On Saturday evening, the Concluding General Meeting of the Association will take place, when the President, or the officers of sections, will read Abstracts of the further Proceedings of the Sections; and when proceedings of the general committee, and the grounds of the several grants of money that have been sanctioned by them will be explained."

DEATH OF MRS. DUGALD STEWART.—We regret to record the death of this lady, the widow of the celebrated philosopher Dugald Stewart, which took place at Warriston-house, in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, on Saturday the 28th ult. She was in the 72d year of her age, and had survived her husband ten years. Mrs. Stewart was sister of the late Countess Purgstall, the subject of Captain Hall's *Schloss Hainfeld*, and of Mr. George Cranstoun, advocate, now Lord Corehouse, and was descended of the noble house of Cranstoun. She was a person of the finest taste of female character, of great gentleness of manner, of quick perception, of humour, of wit, of eminent literary taste and literary accomplishments. Not only was she the companion of her husband during his studies, but he is said not to have considered any of his compositions as finished, till it had received her sanction. She holds a high place among the authors of Scottish song, as the writer of that exquisite song, "The tears I shed must ever fall," and other pieces. Perhaps no lady in Scotland ever associated so long, so familiarly, and so deservedly, with literary society as did Mrs. Stewart. Her remains were buried on Friday, the 3rd. inst. in the Canongate church-yard, Edinburgh, beside those of her illustrious husband. It may not, perhaps, be necessary to mention, that the amiable lady to whose memory we have devoted these few lines, was the second wife of Dugald Stewart, to whom she was married in the year 1790. His first wife was Miss Helen Bannatyne, daughter of a respectable merchant at Glasgow.

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