

tion will be popular; I am persuaded that it is wise and beneficial; and I can see no evil in availing ourselves of the feeling now so prevalent in favour of missionary vessels, in order to procure one for ourselves. (Hear.)

[The Doctor then alluded to the worn out Preachers' fund, and the Chapel Loan Fund.]

These, then, are the additional objects which we venture to suggest. Now, Mr Heald, with his characteristic talent for making theories practical, and thereby really valuable, asks me—What they will cost? It is impossible for us to do more just at present, than make some approximation to a calculation: but the friends who conversed yesterday on the subject, seemed to be satisfied with something like the following general statement, by way of *project* for your consideration: Reckon 1: For the Theological Institution, for 100 students, at least, £30,000; 2: For Mission House, &c &c, from 6,000 to 10,000; 3: For the Missionary Ship, 3,000; 4: For the School Buildings' Debt, 5,000; 5: For the Chapel Loan Fund, as a DONATION, 10,000. These appropriations, together, make a sum of from 54,000 to 64,000!—*Can we get it?*—(cries of "Yes, yes!")—I think we *can*, if we *will*!—(hear, hear!) but the will must be a very vigorous one, and evince itself by very united, determined, and unvaried practical operations. I am afraid that we cannot get it, if we require that all the money subscribed should be paid at once, but if we allow it to be paid, when it is desired and procured, by two or three instalments, we may succeed. Many of us can and will gladly give more, if we are allowed thus to pay by instalments as we receive our annual income. I speak particularly of the preachers; for I hope my brother ministers will make up their minds, on this great and peculiar occasion, to go out of the common and ordinary way in the amount of their contributions; but many of our people in our own rank of life, the middle class, and the poorer class, will also give more, if you concede the principle of payment by instalments. (Hear.) Let us determine to make a good beginning at this very meeting. Let us have at least 10 or 12,000 to-day or to-morrow before we part. It is a centenary collection; it is our first effort on such an occasion, and will be our last; and it ought to be extraordinary and worthy of that occasion. Those who can should give largely, very largely,—if they approve of the object. Do not injure the cause, if you are known to be men of affluence, by small contributions. It has been always a principle with me to tell our people at large—"You ought to do what you can for yourselves, in the regular and ordinary support of God's cause and work by your collective efforts;—though poor, you ought always to contribute something, and not to rely upon your richer members;—but occasions will arise when we must go to them for special help." This is one of those occasions,—(hear.)—and I hope they will now come forward. Not that we can do without the aid of the middle and lower classes. Let the men of high degree among us be humble.—all the rich men in Methodism together cannot effect what is now contemplated, in the way which will be most gratifying and most beneficial, without the help of the middle and lower classes. (Hear.) Our motto must now be rich and poor,—one and all!—there must be a vigorous pull and a pull all together;—or we shall fail, at least partially, and then we had better never have talked of any pecuniary celebration at all of the approaching Centenary. [General and long-continued cheers.]

The Rev. R. REECE concurred in every sentiment which had been offered by Dr Bunting; but should notwithstanding, lay a few of his thoughts before the meeting. The great difficulty of raising the proposed sum had been considered by him a little, but when he came to go into details the difficulty in a great measure vanished. They were 380,000 people, including Ireland and the Missionary Stations: out of this number 200,000 would give something. It was hardly presuming too much, that 2,000 would give £5 each—1,000, £10 each,—and so on,—so that, reckoning £20,000, or a fourth part of the Missionary receipts, for collections at public meetings, &c., he thought £110,000 might be calculated upon. As to the disposal of the money, he would apply £50,000 to the erection of buildings for the Theological Institution,—plain, substantial, durable, and such as might be looked upon for ages,—and he would add £10,000 more for the fitting them up. He would gladly devote £10,000 to Mission Premises;—leaving £40,000 for the relief of the old preachers, the missionary ship, chapel, debts, &c.

The meeting was then addressed by G. R. Chapell, Esq., Rev. Messrs. Waugh and Stewart. Messrs. Beaumont of Bradford, Allen of Macclesfield, Agur of York, Suter of Halifax, Swallow of Wakefield, and others. The Committee met again in the evening; and when the meeting had been addressed by a few individuals the subscription list was opened.

Thomas Farmer, Esq., in concluding his speech, observed—

I owe to this society much of the honour which has been conferred upon me: in no other circumstances in life, could I have expected half the distinction which attaches to me in the offices which the Connexion has called upon me to fill. However unworthy of these offices, my prayer is, that I may be found faithful to the confidence reposed in me. Perhaps I may be pardoned for observing, that I am the subject of more than ordinary feelings when I consider the place in which we are now assembled: for it is to the Society connected with this chapel, that I am indebted

for the principal cause of my domestic comforts, and I might add, for the consequent Wesleyan tone of our family feeling. I refer to these things, that I may perceive the strength of my own obligations to Methodism, and that I may act, on the present occasion, under the direction of an approving heart and judgment. With respect to the propositions before us, I am willing to go half way, or all the way, to secure unanimity of effort. I am disposed to concur in any measure that will unite all our energies.—I certainly do think that in raising the character of the Christian Ministry, we are doing the best work, and promoting the best object; and most sincerely do I thank our friends assembled here for condescending so far to my views as to come to the conclusion that the Institution shall have at least £20,000 out of the sum to be raised. (Hear.) I now give my most cordial and hearty concurrence in all the proposed arrangements for the observance of the Centenary. I approve of the whole of the "appropriation clause." (Hear.) I should not like to fix the minimum of the amount to be raised at less than £40,000; I will not despair of realising £100,000. (Hear.) Whilst I am pleased that my friends should not indulge sanguine expectations of raising the larger amount, we must not forget that it will require an effort from "one and all,"—(Hear.)—and I do hope that every individual in our connexion will feel that it is a privilege to contribute, more or less, on this occasion. I have great pleasure in offering One Thousand Pounds. (Hear.)

DR. BUNTING—(to whom a subscription paper had been handed)—said—The next name was one, in reference to whom he only wished, that her own mental habits, and the usages of society permitted her to speak for herself. He would be known to refer to one—(Mrs. Bealey)—who in all these matters excelled among the excellent. (Hear.) Other members of her family were present, and she would best speak through the mouth of one of them.

MR. ADAM BEALEY, as the representative of his Mother, could assure the meeting that she most heartily, and with deep-felt gratitude, presented her subscription—One Thousand Pounds. (Hear.)

G. R. CHAPPELL, Esq., after referring to the late agitations in the Manchester Circuit, which, as he then predicted, had turned out for good,—certain excrescences having been removed while the tree had become more firmly fixed by the shaking of its roots,—proceeded to avow his personal obligations to Methodism, with which he felt it an honour to be connected, and which he hoped never to disgrace. He was happy to say, that many of his children were Wesleyans, both in principle and in their domestic connections. He again adverted, with approbation, to the leading provisions of the "appropriation clause," contending that they must raise the larger sum named;—that, as Methodists, they must fix the standard high, and aim at perfection in giving; and that if the gentlemen from a distance carried the spirit of this meeting home with them, they would have to rejoice over the £100,000 at least. (Hear.) He concluded by giving in his subscription of One Thousand Pounds.

MR. ADAM BEALEY and MR. JOHN BEALEY, after a few words, expressing their cordial concurrence in the plan, subscribed £500 each.

The following gentlemen then rose and severally addressed the meeting, each naming a subscription, which is announced in the List published elsewhere:—Rev. John Mason (£1000); Rev. J. Beechman; Dr. Hannah; Rev. J. Taylor; Mr. T. C. Gibson, of Newcastle (£200); Mr. John Westhead (£500); Mr. S. Bealey; Rev. G. Morley; Mr. T. Walker, of Stockton, who earnestly solicited a deputation of lay brethren and leading preachers for a similar meeting in the North;—[£500]; Mr. John Fernley, and Mr. James Garstang, of Salford, £500 each.

MR. JAMES HARGREAVES, of Leeds, contributed £1000.

The meeting was then addressed by Mr. J. Burton, of Middleton, (£300); the Rev. S. D. Waddy; Mr. T. Bagnall, of West Bromwich, (£500); Mr. G. Thorneycroft, Wolverhampton, (£500); Mr. Beaumont, of Bradford, (£100); Mr. Chubb, of London, (£200); the Rev. John Scott; the Rev. T. Lessey, who said his heart had been refreshed and comforted by hearing those noble testimonies of obligation to Methodism from men of the first respectability; Mr. Campion of Whitby, (£200); and Mr. John Campion, (£100).

THOMAS SANDS, Esq., of Liverpool, expressed his entire approval of the uses to which it was proposed to apply the Centenary Fund, and also his confident expectation that the subscriptions would amount to the larger sum. He then sat down.

DR. BUNTING—What do you give?

MR. SANDS—What you please. (Hear, hear.)

DR. BUNTING—That question places me in rather a difficult situation; but it reminds me of a similar question which a gentleman put to me yesterday, I then replied, that I could not in conscience say less than one thousand pounds: shall I say the same for you?

MR. SANDS—If you please. (Hear, hear.)

DR. BUNTING then announced Mr. Sands as a subscriber of one thousand pounds.

James Heald, Esq., after presenting 1000l. himself, thus concluded his speech—

I have now the honour of presenting you with £100 as my Mother's contribution to the Centenary Fund.—(Hear.) And the pleasure which I derive from this announcement is increased,