

## Correspondence.

## THE WESLEYAN CENTENARY, NEWPORT.

DEAR BROTHER,—For your information, and for insertion in the Wesleyan, if you see fit, I send the following :—

Last Wednesday we held our Centenary Meeting in Oakland Chapel, for obtaining Centenary subscriptions and donations. Present on the occasion, the Rev. William Croscombe, Rev. Richard Pope, Rev. Wm. Bennett, and Rev. Wm. Buckley. The Meeting appeared to be conducted alike satisfactorily and with equal hearty good will and liberality to the cause, as the similar meetings at Horton and Windsor. One hundred and ten pounds stood on the list of subscriptions that evening, when we left the Chapel, and it was expected something more would be added afterwards, as some of our friends were from home at the time.

On Friday, according to appointment, we held our religious Centenary services. We commenced in Oakland Chapel with a Prayer Meeting, at day-light, tolerably attended. A spirit of true pleading with God for a blessing was most powerfully felt, and the hearts of the people warmed with gratitude to the Most High.

At half-past ten o'clock A. M. a considerable congregation assembled. Prayer was offered up, a portion of scripture read, and a sermon preached, founded on Acts v. 33, 39; from whence was noticed that Christianity in its original progress, is the work of God, carried on by the free and unadulterated preaching of the Apostles; being accompanied by signs and wonders from heaven, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, evidenced in the awakening and conversion of sinners; and by the zeal of those who were the subjects of the work, and their in firmness persecution, etc. etc. Methodism in its origin, by the Wesleys and their coadjutors, being a fair transcript of the work and device of the New Testament, is also a work of God—a work and device continued for a Century. Our people appeared well satisfied with their choice and profession of Methodism, and are determined to abide in its doctrines, discipline and institutions.

At half past two A. M. a second Prayer Meeting was held, numerously attended, many of whom were comforted and edified in thus waiting upon the Lord. After which a Tea entertainment was given to the Sunday School children, of Gravel point and the Valley schools. From forty to fifty of these children sat down in ranks and partook of a good repast, to whom the Centenary movement was briefly explained, exhortation to holiness given and appropriate hymns sung by them, their teachers and their friends. After these things the members of the society in this part of the Circuit, with their neighbors and friends, who chose to join with them, sat down also; say from seventy to eighty, and partook of Tea and its appendages. The whole of the proceedings were conducted with great harmony, mixing devotional exercises with social order, greatly to the satisfaction of all present. The

twenty-fifth of October, 1839, the Wesleyan Centenary, a day long to be remembered.

Yours very respectfully,  
WILLIAM BENNETT.

A Centenary Meeting was held in Nappan, for the Parrsborough Circuit on the 9th Oct. The list will be forwarded to the Wesleyan as soon as possible.

NEW CHAPEL.—The friends of Methodism will rejoice to know, that a good Methodist Chapel is about to be erected at Amherst. Although this was the place where the venerable Black, was converted to God, and where he commenced his ministerial labours, it has hitherto been without a Wesleyan Chapel, and our ministers have preached, and our societies have met in a Chapel in which we had only a joint interest with others. The want of a Methodist Chapel has long been felt. On the 6th inst. an attempt was made to raise a subscription for that purpose. The list was headed by a gentleman with £50; and followed by another gentleman with £20; and during that and the following day, the list was increased to £200, with a prospect of a considerable addition.

As soon as arrangements can be made, a contract will be entered into for the frame, which will be put up in the spring.

Cumberland, Oct. 19, 1839.

## The Wesleyan.

HALIFAX, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1839.

THE DAY OF COMMEMORATION.—Notwithstanding the many prophets of evil, who, during the past century, have foretold the overthrow of that form of Christianity which was first termed Methodism, by those who despised it—the present generation has had the happiness and the privilege to see the completion of the first hundred years, since the first Wesleyan Methodist Society was formed; and it has been their privilege to rejoice in that *Methodistic system*, which, while it secures to its members an economy simple in its operation and perfect in its parts, is generally acknowledged to have been (at a time when much needed) a remarkable revival of Apostolical Christianity, and a blessing to the world.

The day of Commemoration was appointed for Friday October 25th, and would undoubtedly be properly observed throughout the world. Several statements have reached us pleasingly recounting the enjoyments and privileges of the day as spent in parts of the province, some of which will appear. In Halifax it was observed, in accordance with the advertisement published in our last; and we have no doubt will be a day long remembered by many, and especially by the children of the sabbath school, who were regaled with cakes and tea through the liberality of the friends, and were addressed on the occasion, by their ministers. The congregations which assembled, were large, and sermons were preached morning and evening with reference to the occasion.