

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

NOVEMBER, 1873.

FORTY-NINTH REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CANADA CONFERENCE.

SERMONS were preached in the Wesleyan Church, Peterboro', on Sabbath, October 12th, on behalf of the Society; in the Morning, by the Rev. S. D. RICE, D.D., *President of the Conference*; and in the Evening, by the E. B. HARPER, M.A., *Co-Delegate*. The congregations were large, and the sermons appropriate and able.

The Annual Meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday Evening, the 14th of October. By request of the Committee, the Hon. Senator FERRIER occupied the Chair, and introduced the business of the Meeting in an eminently Christian, comprehensive, and practical speech. He stated

That he had not been a Methodist in his youth, but a Presbyterian, and that Presbyterians made good Methodists. The Methodist Church is essentially Missionary. An increase of fifty per cent. should be added to the salaries of the Missionaries, and their number should be doubled. In looking at the field, he spoke of the necessity of making greater efforts for the benefit of the Indians in the North-west and British Columbia. The cheapest and effectual method of managing the Indian tribes is by sending them the Gospel. The Government may and will act generously in seeking their elevation, but their condition can never be improved without the aid of

the Christian Missionary. As respects the Mission to Japan, he spoke most hopefully of its success. The church had acted liberally in its support. It was no burden as yet to the Missionary Society. Indeed it was a profit, as there was a balance in hand of the special donations after all expenses to date had been paid. But the expenses of living in Japan are very great. House rent especially is uncommonly high. It was thought desirable to purchase land and erect a house in Yokohama and another in Yeddo, towards which he was willing to contribute with others to raise the necessary sum before the close of the Meeting.

The Rev. DR. WOOD read portions of the General Report, and presented the Financial Statement for the year ending June, 1873, viz :

Missionaries in British Columbia, 13; in Saskatchewan, 27, and ten assistant active Missionaries; on the Domestic Missions, 191; on the German Missions, 5; to the French in Province

of Quebec, 4; to Japan, 2,—total, 252, including twenty-four day school teachers, and nine interpreters, &c. The whole number of a paid agency in the Mission field is 301. There has