

POETRY.

For the Wesleyan.

LINES

Suggested by an engraving, representing the Rev. John Wesley's Death-bed.

"THE BEST OF ALL IS, GOD IS WITH US."

That thrilling scene, oh it must touch, The coldest, sternest hearts, For hallowed is the solemn hour, When such a man departs, And sacred be the very name, Of all who tread like him Unweariedly the narrow path, A path of life to win.

His dying hour, it wakes the fount Of feeling in my soul, And bids my drooping spirit seek To win the heavenly goal. For like a beacon star of light, To guide the pilgrim on, "Our God is with us," blesses us In this his farewell tone.

It is indeed "the best of all," Our hope, our joy in life, And when the parting hour must come "I will calm its last deep strife, Oh what is there on all the earth, Of glorious, good, or great, Can win the pure, and rapturous joys That on such death-beds wait?

The hand that's weak, and powerless here, Full soon may wake the strains That mortal ear hath never heard Their theme "Jehovah reigns." The eye that's dim to earthly scenes When earthly bands are riv'n, May win the spirit's glory-vision With the saint's rest in heav'n.

God bless the Wesleyans on the earth, And speed them on their way, That they may greet that sainted one In realms of endless day, That his, whose name they proudly bear, May be a glorious crown, With myriad stars of joy be gemmed, To cast before the throne!

Baltimore, U. S. Onia.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

1. Died on the 2nd inst., Nelson, son of Mr. Saml. Raymond, of Milton, Yarmouth, aged 21 years. In the eleventh hour he sought and found mercy to cover all his sins. During the last few weeks of his mortal career he warned all those who came to see him against putting off the momentous concerns of their souls, salvation to a late period as he had done. The occasion was improved on Sabbath forenoon, 6th instant, at the Milton Chapel to an overwhelming congregation, who listened with almost breathless attention to the solemn and impressive discourse, founded on Amos iv. 12. "Prepare to meet thy God." And our prayer is that the impressions there made upon the minds of the people may be lasting.

2. Died at Yarmouth, Dec 17th, 1849, Sarah Bruce, aged 69 years. She had been a consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society for upwards of twenty years, and was one of the first fruits of the hard toil of Methodism in Yarmouth. Amidst much opposition, and violent persecution, to which all who dared to call themselves by a name every where spoken against were subject, she held on her way. Her affliction was very protracted, being subject to great debility for several years. About six months ago, she lost by death a very pious and amiable daughter, who was also a member of the Methodist Society. She went off with a small company of young people on an excursion of innocent pleasure, and was brought home a few hours after a corpse. From this severe stroke of domestic bereavement, the mother never fully recovered. I visited her a few days before her death, and her mind seemed to be dwelling much upon the painful circumstance. The last words she said to me the evening before she died, were, "I am waiting the Lord's pleasure, a poor unworthy sinner as I am." Since her death a Public Prayer Meeting has been held every week in the room where she spent many wearisome days and nights, and from which her happy spirit winged its way to "the Paradise of God."

"Give glory to Jesus our Head, With all that encompasses his throne, A widow, a widow indeed, A mother in Israel is gone! The winter of trouble is past; The storms of affliction are o'er; Her struggle is ended at last, And sorrow and death are no more.

The soul hath overtaken her mate, And caught him again in the sky; Advanced to her happy estate, And pleasures that never shall die."

R. W.

STANDING REGULATIONS.

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HOME MISSIONS.

We wish that some well-digested, practical, and efficient plan were adopted by the District Meetings of the Lower Provinces for a systematic and general supply of the ministrations of the Gospel to destitute localities. We cannot but think, that, as Wesleyans, we have hitherto allowed ourselves to be too much shut up to Circuit work; whilst we have been overlooking the wants of places not as yet favoured with our regular Ministry,—though the Macedonian cry—"Come over and help us"—has been for years sounding loudly in our ears, and in pathetic tones appealing to our christian sympathy. The Wesleyan Church is eminently missionary in her character and operations; and, at the present day, circumstances are imperatively calling on all her members,—ministerial and lay,—to imbibe, and practically to exemplify, more—first of the mind of CHURCH, her great Head—and then, of the apostolic spirit of JOHN WESLEY, her subordinate Founder, who, impelled by "boundless charity divine" and by quenchless zeal, contemplated, as he could be satisfied with, nothing less than the salvation of the world. Either men of God should be sent forth on the special mission of carrying the bread of life to those who are perishing for want of it,—whose great object should be to pervade neglected portions of the country, breaking up new ground, sowing the precious seed of the kingdom with a liberal hand beside all waters, and so preparing the way for the introduction and establishment of our more permanent means; or, some scheme should be devised by which the Ministers having charge of particular Societies should be free to occupy two or three months annually in the work of Evangelists. The latter mode of procedure would necessarily involve some sacrifice on long established societies and congregations; but the great end to be accomplished, and the blessed results which, doubtless, by God's blessing, would follow, should more than reconcile them to the endurance of the temporary inconvenience which they would sustain. Were the former mode of operation deemed more prudent and likely to be more useful, then, a special Home Missionary Fund should be created to meet the necessary and unavoidable expenditure, and which might be raised by annual collections made in all our congregations, and by yearly or quarterly donations and subscriptions solicited and received from our wealthier friends, and from others, who might feel it both a duty and a privilege to contribute, according to their ability, to the sustentation of a work at once so truly christian and benevolent.

The age has claims on the consecrated talents, energies, and means of Wesleyan Methodists, which they must meet in some adequate manner, or lie under criminality corresponding to the neglect of obvious duty. Than our own,—no system of christian doctrine when preached in simplicity and power—no system of church-organization when brought into efficient operation—no means of grace when thoroughly established and faithfully maintained in reliance on the aid of the Spirit and the blessing of the Head of the Church,—are better adapted to meet the necessities of our fellow men wherever may be the bounds of their habitation, or to lead to general and extensive spiritual good, or to make men holy and happy, and qualify them for the right discharge of the duties of this life and prepare them for the glory and felicity of the future. With these convictions inwrought into the mind, Wesleyan Methodists should be true to their principles, faithful to their trust.—Regarding the salvation of souls as an object paramount to all others,—as an object of such importance, as already to have wondrously moved the heart of the God-head, and for its securement, to have led Christ, the God-man, to endure the sufferings and death of the Cross, they should, in the loving and self-sacrificing spirit of their Lord and Master, tax their means to the utmost to disperse the savour of Jesu's Name, and recover wandering, perishing men to the favour and fold of God.

The Wesleyan Methodists in these Provinces have for many years contributed nobly to the support of the Parent Missionary Society, as the annual Reports abundantly testify. That charity should continue. We deprecate any diminution of it—any withdrawal of contributions in whole or in part from the Foreign Mission Fund. But superadded to that charity which contributes generously to the evangelization of the strictly Heathen, should be another,—the provision of means to supply the Ministry of the Word of God and the means of grace to those of our own population who are like sheep going astray without the watchful care of faithful shepherds, and who, to a certain extent, may say with the Psalmist, "No man careth for my soul." Nor are we willing to believe, if in the wisdom and prudence of the collective Pastorate, and official members, of the two Districts, a plan should be adopted in accordance with the principles we have advocated and for the objects we have stated, that, when the benevolent appeal is made to the Methodist people for their practical concurrence, they will withhold the good which it is in their power to do; but our confident expectation is, that in this, as well as in other instances, they will exemplify, by cheerful and enlarged liberality, the constraining influence of that truly divine principle, "freely ye have received" of the Lord, "freely give" to his cause.

CHARLOTTETOWN CIRCUIT.

The communication from the Superintendent of the Charlottetown Circuit, which appears on a previous page, will be read with interest. The members of our Church, with their devoted Pastor, and the friends and supporters of Wesleyan Methodism generally, on that old and important Station, are deserving of well merited commendation for the zeal and spirit they have manifested in providing such ample accommodation for week-day worship. Their reward, we trust, will be realized in the reception of richer and more abundant effusions of the Divine Spirit, and in a greater extension of the work of God in their midst. We notice also with

pleasure the increase in the amount of the Juvenile Offering, and the efficient state of the Sabbath Schools. Indeed the state of the general work of God in Charlottetown is such as to call forth devout thanksgivings to the Head of the Church for past and present blessings, and to excite the most lively hope and confidence in reference to the future. The "Union Prayer Meeting" must have been a delightful and profitable season. In these eventful days, how necessary is it for "all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity," though denominationally distinguished, to exemplify that love by loving one another, and fraternizing, in the spirit of true catholicism, in the public worship of their one Heavenly Father, through the "one Mediator," and under the gracious influence of the one Sanctifier! On such a scene of evangelical union angels gaze with admiration, whilst Christ fulfils his promise to his followers thus assembled in his Name—"I am in the midst." "Let brotherly love continue"—and increase.

A WORD OR TWO TO OUR MINISTERS.

One of our respected Correspondents writes—"I wish you had more Local Intelligence—this is particularly interesting to our people." In this sentiment we heartily concur. But how is this local intelligence to be obtained? Evidently not by the sole labour of the Editor, however desirous he may be to please his readers to their edification; but by the zealous co-operation of our ministerial brethren, who are supposed to be as interested in the prosperity of the Wesleyan as we can possibly be. Whilst some of our brethren have been laudably unremitting in their efforts to furnish intelligence of a local character—for which they have our warmest thanks—others, we regret to say, have scarcely favoured us with any original contributions. Had all been thus quiescent in their literary support, it may at once be seen, that the past number of our Journal would have been deprived of much of that interest which they have evidently possessed; and should this want of general co-operation be continued, then, our future numbers will be divested of an interest which they might otherwise have. Now we seriously press this subject on the attention of all concerned. We have upwards of fifty ministers in the Districts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia alone; each of whom, without any great tax upon his time, might furnish us at least with one communication on local affairs every three months, which, if carried out, would keep us well supplied with original matter on interesting topics. We have always at hand an abundance of choice selected articles. The deficiency is not felt in this department of our Journal. What we require is, a good supply of original communications. Will all our brethren co-operate? Will they esteem it a part of their duty thus to support a denominational paper? Or will any of them be content to allow it to get on as it can without any contributory aid from them? We are far from wishing even to seem to dictate the course others should pursue; but we may remind our brethren, that no one, but one situated as we are, knows the anxiety and toil connected with furnishing a weekly sheet of good, profitable, and interesting reading matter for a large number of subscribers.—That a paper, like the Wesleyan, has been long required as a subsidiary instrumentality in the prosecution of our general work is universally acknowledged; and that the Wesleyan, as it is, has been productive of some good we have received many gratifying testimonials. A correspondent just

writes—"I have the pleasure of the great acceptability and of the Wesleyan. It is what we, a have long needed, and I can assure it will be well sustained." The far considerations should strengthen our present appeal, so as henceforth another altogether unexcused course we must—and will—do, can, whether adequately support our efforts by those, to whom we have a just claim to look for vivacity. But as we have commenced half-year of our existence as Journalist, we feel a compulsion to give continued satisfaction to our patrons. We have the contributions from some of our Newfoundland, which we shall receive. We cordially invite the co-operation of our literary friends in order to disseminate useful knowledge their attention to our note on the subject of "Correspondence" for selected, well-written articles of kindred ones, will find a welcome.

PARLIAMENTARY DO.

We commence to-day in giving of Parliamentary intelligence a right to say, that, as we neutrality on the subject of partial as far as possible, guarding on this delicate ground, reports of parliamentary sayings. Yet subjects may arise of a religious educational and other rests of the Province on which duty may require us to offer opinion. Should such cases will be treated by us irrespective considerations. In the strictness we shall not mingle; but that affects the vital interests since we have a solemn duty.

A GRIEVANCE.

A very serious evil exists which ought to receive the attention of the proper authorities; the practice of Truckmen and others driving their wares and others driving their wares, and the great limbs and lives of Her subjects. Such a wrong, not believe, is not tolerated in a British America, and it is arrested here. We have heretofore escaped, and of injuries the winter from this cause ought not to be allowed to run their horses through others should not be permitted to trot. We hope the public notice, until the evil be removed.

Grand Wesleyan Sabbath.

The Rev. Mr. Jost, assistant and Teachers of the Grand Wesleyan Sabbath School, having previously notified for the above Festival on Thursday evening—the singing upwards of seventy, many Chapel that had not been having presented their contributions of collections in the shape of offering in the education of the children—they occasion to the large and comfortable house belonging to Mr. Jost, which has been beautifully decorated for the occasion. When they in proper order, they con-