

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

FEBRUARY, 1st, 1858.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connexion with the English Conference, was held in the new Wesleyan Church, Queen Street, Toronto, on the evening of December 15th, when the attention of the assembly, and a powerful choir and organ, gave effect to an occasion which, in importance to British North America, occupies no secondary place.

The Rev. Richard Jones, Chairman of the Toronto District, to whom the Society has been indebted for similar valuable services several years, again obligingly consented to preside; and when he had opened the Meeting with prayer, his introductory remarks very judiciously and forcibly conducted the minds of his hearers to the condescension and redeeming acts of the Son of God, as the chief reason why men should exhibit the spirit of Christ in *their acts*. This was indeed striking the key-note at the right time. The General Superintendent of Missions then read an Abstract of the Annual Report, religious and financial, which, as has been the case for years, gave intelligence of an accession of missions, missionaries, congregations, conversions, and contributions; and it produced much gratification by the official announcement, that the Receipts for the year, from exclusively Canadian and Hudson's Bay sources, were £12,212 10s., and that there had been an Expenditure exceeding that amount. These Receipts show an increase of Income, in a year of reduced commercial profits, amounting to nearly the handsome sum of £1,000.

There was a good supply of ministerial and official lay brethren present, among whom were the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, Book Steward, and Bartholomew Bull, Esquire, of Spring Mount.

The Rev. Luther O. Rice, moved the first Resolution, rejoicing that the Report brought forward the conversion of souls; that the Society is doing a work which calls for gratitude—the same which the Saviour was engaged in; that many new fields were white unto the harvest; that the subscriptions are still in advance, and he wisely appealed for continued support, especially to aid the Missions in the North West Territory.

Peter Le Sueur, Esquire, in seconding the Resolution, remarked that there was no danger in doing it, though he could not second the adoption of all reports. He would have the Report circulated to stimulate the liberality of others. We were to consider what we ourselves could do for the cause. Nothing was so potent as religious principle. Instances of failure in attempting to civilize without Christianity were impressively cited, and the Gospel emphatically pronounced the paramount means for that end. He made admirable mention of the late Dr. Robert Newton, and cogently stated Christian motives.