

nected with the Celebration of the Centenary of Methodism, there shall be a *general pecuniary Contribution*, to be applied to the following purposes and in the following ratio, viz:—That five tenths of all we collect be employed for the purpose of forming a fund for the support of our superannuated Preachers—two tenths to the Book Room—two tenths to furnishing Parsonage houses, and one tenth to be left at the disposal of the Conference for Missionary and other purposes.

4. The Terms of the subscriptions shall be as follows, viz:—All sums of 25*l.* and upwards in four annual instalments; all sums of 12*l.* 10*s.* and upwards in three annual instalments; all sums under 12*l.* 10*s.* in two annual instalments. The first instalment to be paid on or before the 1st day of February, 1840, and the subsequent instalments to be paid on the first day of the same month in each ensuing year.

5. The Book Steward shall be the *General Treasurer*, to whom all monies are to be paid by the Chairmen of Districts, who shall be *Treasurers of the Districts* to which they respectively belong; and to whom the Superintendents of Circuits, as *Circuit Treasurers*, shall be accountable for all the monies received on their several Circuits.

6. Records of the names, subscriptions and payments of the several contributors shall be kept as follows, viz:—

1. In the *Christian Guardian*, from time to time, as reported by the Circuit or District Treasurers or by the General Treasurer.

2. Each Superintendent of a Circuit shall provide or be furnished with a Centenary Circuit Record or Book, in which shall be entered the name and contribution of each subscriber.

3. Each Chairman of a District shall keep a similar District Record, to be filled up from the Records of the Circuits included in his District.

4. One large and suitably prepared Book, to serve as a General Centenary Record shall be filled up in the manner already specified, from the District Records, and shall be kept in the Book Room as a permanent Book of reference, in relation to the Centenary Commemoration of Wesleyan Methodism.

7. That a *deputation* be appointed to visit the principal towns and villages and neighbourhoods in the Province, for the purpose of carrying out the great object of our Centenary Celebration.

From twelve to twenty of the Preachers had been under the necessity of leaving Saturday noon; so that there were not over fifty members of the Conference present when the above resolutions were considered and adopted. But the Preachers present were resolved to act as well as deliberate. A subscription was therefore opened—opened amongst a number of men whose salaries are limited by the rules of the Church, and who depend for those salaries upon the voluntary contributions of their congregations. Yet when these men who had already devoted their time, and strength, and lives to the service of the altar in the Church of God, began to cast up the amount which they still owed to Methodism as an instrument of mercy and benefit to them, their hearts were filled with gratitude beyond expression, and each seemed inwardly to exclaim, "what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?" The sum total of the answer was 1,200*l.* or \$4,800. Two or three Preachers subscribed 75*l.* each; and several 50*l.* each; and a considerable number from 20*l.* to 40*l.* each. One of the most touching incidents of the afternoon was the subscription of a Missionary, who has learned to preach fluently and successfully in the Chippewa language, and who has devoted himself to the preaching of the Gospel where Christ has not been named. He has been on a mission among the Indians on the shores of Lake Superior during the past year, having left his family behind

him. He has returned for them, and is preparing for a second tour. His subscription was announced by the President of the Conference from a slip of paper which had been put into his hands. His subscription was £40—including himself, wife and three children—one of whom is dead. The last item of his subscription was "£5 in memory of a little son, who was born after his father left on a Mission to Lake Superior, and died before his return." The first instalment on several of the subscriptions was paid at the time of subscribing.

We trust such a noble example will be followed throughout the Province. Let each member of the church, ay, and many other inhabitants of the province, ask, "how much do I owe my Lord through the instrumentality of Methodism?"

The Conference has divided the Province into four Districts; and selected a deputation of some twelve or fourteen preachers to travel, and, in connexion with the Preachers on the various circuits, to hold meetings in the principal towns and neighbourhoods, throughout the Province. The President and Secretary of the Conference and Chairman of Districts were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for the Centenary celebration. The Committee is to meet in this City on Thursday the 4th of July; after which the whole plan of proceeding will be published in the Guardian.

In the mean time let the supplications, prayers and thanksgivings of the Church ascend to Heaven, through the appointed medium, from its holy and multiplied altars, and let its offerings be in readiness for His service "to whom our more than all is due."

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE DURING ITS LATE SESSION.

Resolved,—That while this Conference has felt itself bound to express its sentiments on the question of an Ecclesiastical Establishment in this Province, and our constitutional and religious rights and privileges, and our determination to maintain them, we disclaim any intention to interfere with the merely secular party politics of the day; we are resolved to attend with greater diligence ourselves, as well as to urge with increased earnestness upon the people committed to our charge, a more diligent attention to the means of spiritual edification established among us, and which, under the Divine blessing, have so materially contributed to the stability, increase, and the usefulness of Methodist Connexion throughout the world;—we also repeat our determination that the *Christian Guardian* shall be properly a religious and literary Journal, to explain our doctrines and institutions; to defend them when necessary; to vindicate our character, if expedient, when misrepresented; to publish the operations of Christian benevolence, and the triumphs of the Gospel throughout the world; together with a summary of civil and general intelligence.

Resolved,—That the members of this Conference, deeply impressed with the supreme importance of the great scriptural object, for the accomplishment of which God raised up the venerable Founder of Methodism, resolve, in humble dependence on the Lord the Spirit, to devote ourselves with renewed zeal and simplicity of purpose to promote the spread of scriptural truth and holiness within the appointed sphere of our ministerial labour.

Resolved,—That this Conference presents its cordial thanks to the Rev. Mr. Alder for his interesting communications on the subject of the Centenary Celebration of Methodism in Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolved,—That the Rev. Mr. Alder be respectfully requested to furnish for publication a copy of the excellent sermon which he delivered before the Conference on Sunday morning of the 16th instant.