they have been digged, and henceforth remen whom God raised up in the Universolve to know nothing but Jesus Christ and sity of Oxford to testify those grand truths him crucified. Among these, how many would be found endowed with gifts which the napkin would shine with the splendour of burnished gold. Evangelists, pastors, and teachers, would spring up among our lawyers, physicians, merchants, manufactu-rers, and mechanics. Each Church would number its chosen disciples, who, on the other days of the week, they would exemplify to the world the life of him whose afections were set on things above, where Christ dwelleth. Were all our Churches such Churches as these, the world would know something of the moral power which belongs to the Gospel of Jesus Christ .-Were the Churches of each denomination such as these, in a single generation this nation would be the people of the Most High. Holiness to the Lord would be written upon our legislative halls, our executive chambers, welcome the coming of the Son of God.

Correspondence.

We have received from the Rev. William spected writer we are sure will agree with nable fortresses of sin and Satan. us in thinking, the necessity of its publication. Mr. Temple's concluding remarks are however too important to be suppressed. We heartily congratulate the Confe-RENCE SECRETARY on his strength to labor so energetically in the cause of our Divine Master, though nearly 70 years of age, and trust that the following seasonable observations from his pen, for which he has our thanks, will not be without effect :-

the absence of the Committee requested by the Conference of 1855 "To attend the Examinatory and Anniversary exercises at Mount Allison, to notice generally the state of the Institution in all its departments. on business, and from others sufficient apologies for their non-attendance were received. According to St. John, N. B., at which time Methoof cost importance, and meriting the countaken from their Address, the present year, to St. John, N. B., at which time Methoof staken from their Address, the present year, to St. John, N. B., at which time Methotenance of the intelligence and weight of to the Conference in England :the community, disappointment was felt .-The future, it is hoped, will show improve-

Lay-men should be united in counsel, in effort and in responsibility. "Methodism," of all the ecclesiastical organizations,

I do not think our people are at all indisposed to assist us as Lay-members of our respective Ecclesiastical and Educational age-houses, &c., and not a few of these contribute nobly to our respective funds: and now, when entering upon a new, and to a large extent, independent organization, the way for such association is thrown open, I would, as an old man among my Brethren, affectionately urge upon our whole church membership their consequent increased responsibilities. We must pass the line of demarcation prescribed by former usages, and "shoulder to shoulder" with the Pastors, must our friends, not in pecuniary matters only, but with personal presence, consultation and effort, aid them in making more efficient every instrumentality for ameliorating the moral and religious condition

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position.

At no period in the history of the Christian Church-if we except the dark and the Reformation—have the interests of vital godiness been at a lower ebb in England, and in Christendom at large, than when the Wesleys, Whitfield, and their coadjutors began, like taithful watchmen on the walls of Zion, to sound the note of alarm in the ears of a guilty and slumbering nation. Imbued with the spirit of the announcing herald, and commissioned Apostles of Christ, and untrammeled by the formalities of prescriptive usage, those holy men went out into the highways and hedges, and, inspiring the Gospel trumpet with no uncertain sound, soon caused its quickening echoes to reverberate throughout the length

A national revival of religion was the

for the sake of Christ—that this holiness is benefactors of our race.

they assailed, was sufficient to test and discould not have been followed up, nor sus- and he was made "a new creature." thought of by those who first entered the years. field, and even opposed to all their educa-Temple, Secretary of the Conference, a tional views and prejudices, came to their annual Examination and other Exercises at without the imposing prestige of a Collethe close of the last Term of our Academy giate preparation for the work of the minis-

Missions of the Canada Conference.

The vitality exhibited in every department of the work of God under the auspices of our sister Conference of Canada, is especially conspicuous in the vigor with which "There was one source of regret to the means necessary to sustain them. To their must be attributed that evangelical style ments, their old Indian Missions, and those in the Hudson's Bay Territory lately transferred to them by the British Conference, as to the rules and usages of Methodism. they have now added, or purpose forthwith and to report thereupon both to the Board to add, a Mission among the French Cana- from Hungerford to the Poole Circuit, and of Trustees and to the Conference." Some dians in the Eastern portion of the Proof the members were out of the Province vince. A general apprehension of the range and importance of their operations

"Our large and remarkably useful Misthe firm and judicious manner of our description of the first to the reading of the ad- stood for twenty-eight years, smitten down-it is a fine from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave and support from the parted brother preserved our cause and gave perity in all the Church's agencies, experi- public never before granted it; and it is our it a new impetus, since which it has conence teaches that it is a matter not only boast and our joy; while the benefits it con-tinued mightily to prosper. For several The cause may seem remote, but it is easidesirable, but necessary, that Ministers and fers are of the best kind, and are most gratefully received by tens of thousands in set-"finds a place for every man," and succeeds of which are wholly dependent on Wesleyan members still retain a grateful recollection greatly lowering the temperature of the wabest when "every man is in his place." Missionaries for Gospel teaching and ordi- of his labours. In 1838, he was appointed ter in that part of the ocean. The stream And while she justifies the observation of nances. The Society has sustained 103 a second time to St. John, N.B., when, after which is known to flow down between the the world-renowned Chalmers, "Ye are the world-renowned Chalmers, "Ye are the lindian and Domestic Missions, and had spending two years, he returned to his namen! ye are all at it, and always at it," the good lord will continue to process her man and Domestic Missions, and had tive land, and was appointed to Helston, in thern current,—carries down the cold water tal Secretary; the seniority of the former, and unto them;" who, bursting the tenderest bonds, the different branches of the Church of God—about 170 salaried labourers of every class employed, during the year; and from not a mmittees. They have long served our versions, classes, churches, and parsonages; to St. John's, N. F., where he honourably ly, and produces fog. The Gulf-stream cause as Trustees of our Churches, parson- and we have peculiar pleasure in stating that recent letters to the General Superintendent of Missions bring tidings, not only of the consolidation of the work in Hudson's Bay, but of its enlargement,-religious ser- laid aside from the regular work. He, how- mits on the coast of Newfoundland, this vices, respect for the word, marriages, bapisms, conversions, and members having increased; and the ardent wish of many in Canada is, that the Society may soon feel justified in sending Missionaries to all the

unenlightened tribes specified by the Co-Delegate on his return from that Territory. We have commenced an encouraging attempt on the ignorance and debasement the last. of the French Romish population of Eastern Canada, and adopted measures for adding to our agency, a supply of publications Scriptures, Wesley's Sermons and Hymns, the Conference Catechism, and Tracts; and we expect by the Divine blessing, success in this new department of labour. We are more than ever gratified with the heartiness with which the public of the Canadas, and the Honourable Company of Hudson's Bay, contribute to our Mission Fund .- a heartiness not confined to the members and adherents of our own community therefore, but manifested in various degrees by every diastrous ages that preceded the dawn or Protestant community. Juvenile generosity is yearly growing; and even the cost of our report-increased four-fold in a few yearss indicative of rapid advance, and tells us by its lengthy catalogue of subscribers that the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada is in auspicious circumstances. The final adjustment of the vear's reports has yet to take place, but our present knowledge of them is sufficient to

The Faithful Minister's Jov.

warrant us in saying, that our Missionary

receipts, as in other years, are again greatly

What pleasure on this side the portals of heaven is comparable to that of a devoted Minister of Lord Jesus when his efforts to save souls from death are crowned with maglorious result. Nor were the hallowed nifest success! If those illustrious spirits impulses, thus originated amid the stillness who encircle the throne of God and the of moral death, hemmed by the Atlantic Lamb, bend an eye radiant with joy on the wave. Propagated to this Continent, they first moments of the repentant sinner to- of the Preachers were present except Brosoon produced here the most gracious and wards God-if that spectacle wheresoever or magnificent results; and, with an energy by whomsoever presented, awakens in their not only unspent but unspeakably aug. bosoms a throb of higher ecstacy, how mented by expansion, they are at this pure, how celestial, must be the delight moment operating before our eyes on mil- of the man who is the honored instrulions, to whom the Gospel has become the ment of winning souls to Christ. The was exceedingly scattered, and then it was power of God unto salvation. While the preacher of a barren orthodoxy, as cold as undivided glory of this work is ascribed to it is clear-the minister who, instead of testhe God of all grace, ought not the memory tifying the gospel of the grace of God, with of its illustrious pioneers to be embalmed the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, saand revered by every denizen of evangeli- tisfies his own conscience and lulls that of cal Christendom? Yet how many, from his congregation, by delivering mere moral whose religious character and position bet- essays, surpassed by many that were listenter things might justly be expected, are ed to in the schools of philosophy before slow to perceive, and still more reluctant, it life and immortality were brought to light would seem, to acknowledge, their obvious - and the Romanizing Tractarian, who is and legitimate claims. The fact, however, ceaselessly ringing the changes on the Church is demonstrable,—we would rather say, it is and the succession, on an empty ceremonial palpable, to all whose vision is not dimmed and sacramental salvation—are all alike by prejudice, that the stupendous moral strangers to the hallowed joy of those revolution, which, within a century, has "workers together with God," the seals of been achieved on both sides of the Atlantic. whose apostleship are seen in the converand the spirit of evangelical enterprise which sion of sinners, and in the holy lives and now, more than at any previous period since triumphant death of them whom it will

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan.

Str. - Upon me devolves the painful duty aside that he may go and " preach a funeral which were then little attended to—that of communicating to the Connexion and the which were men shall see the Lord general public, the death of our venerable neither they nor their brethren supposed them to possess! The talent unrolled from the possess that is no both to will and to do—that this holiness is the work of God, who and highly esteemed Brother, the Rev. Cidedly wrong.

This event took III. But he objected mostly because of the worketh in us both to will and to do—that RICHARD WILLIAMS. This event took

walk as he also walked—that no man can journal, nor have any papers yet been found pected he would pronounce some panegyric be thus sanctified till he is justified; and giving information in reference thereto.— All the faults and sins of the dead must When historical justice shall be accorded to in the ministry, of which he spent thirty-lief; in a word, he must be preached into

decayed and torpid Christianity, and by of England, and he was brought up within God, or given evidence that he had been consequence among the most substantial its pale. When about sixteen years of age, penitent on account of his sins. This Brounder the preaching of the Wesleyans, he ther Williams considered as calculated to experience the pardoning mercy of God or in the New Testament, and lull men in their perish forever, and under these circum- sins. may the most heroic spirits. And had they stances he was pointed to "the Lamb of For these reasons he observed to a friend stood alone the combat would indeed have God which taketh away the sin of the world." our courts of justice, our marts of trade, and only a few days before his death, "From our country would be the first on earth to been unequal; their personal triumphs He looked by faith—his sins were forgiven, deep conviction of the evil of funeral services."

Soon after his conversion he was emwhose resources are always adequate to his ployed as a prayer-leader, then as a classmerciful designs. A species of agency unin which capacity he continued for several

In the year 1813, he was called out into the regular work by the Rev. Jonathan Edletter containing an interesting view of the help-extraordinary messengers who, though monson, then Chairman of the Portsmouth District, and stationed in the Hungerford Circuit, under the superintendence of the Rev. James Odgers. Mr. Edmonson was at Mount Allison. It fully corroborates try, wielded with divine effect those ethe- a Methodist preacher of the true John Wesour statements on the subject in our paper rial weapons which are mighty, through ley type, having commenced his ministry in much felt. I send this in haste. of last week, which preclude, as the re- God, to the destruction of the most impreg- the year 1786, and rt the call of John Wesley himself. Mr. Edmonson had been five years in the ministry when Mr. Wesley died-he was actively employed when Aiexander Kilham agitated and threatened the Connexion with annihilation in 1795—he assisted in guiding our Connexion through that and many other storms ;-he also once filled the office of Missionary Secretary, and was President of the Conference in the year.

Under such a teacher, it might be exits Missionary efforts are prosecuted, and pected that Mr. Williams would himself be the liberality that willingly supplies the a decided man; and to his early training Authorities of the Academy, occasioned by missions among the more destitute settlebody of divinity which his sermons con- telligent contemporary—the Presbyterian tained; as well as that firm and uncompromising manner which he at all times evinced

In the year 1814, Mr. Williams removed the following year, 1815, he embarked in the Missionary work, and was appointed to the Quebec station in Lower Canada.-Brother Williams laboured in Canada for may be formed from the subjoined extract ten years, and in the year 1825 he removed city owing to certain painful circumstances sionary Society-Auxiliary to yours - is the firm and judicious manner of our de-Chairman of the New Brunswick District.

tlements and remote forest-localities, many town Circuit, where many of our aged melted down by the heat of summer, and is few Missions reports have been sent of ad- Missionary work, and was appointed to The cold water thus brought suddenly un- over his younger, but perhaps scarcely less be- tell us, in language that has gone to every heart, meet, on this occasion of our annual assembling, ditional congregations, Sabbath Schools, con- Fredericton. The year following he went der the warm atmosphere evaporates rapidimportant District for six years.

their ravages upon his system, and it was assists, and thus the fog which would after evident to his friends that he must soon be ordinary winters have had its southern liever, spent one year in Yarmouth, and then year extends to Nova Scotia. Not but that known any Conference at which closer and more thus exhibited to our view; but my excellent ed our lives. If we neglect the crisis, and suffer retired to Bridgetown as a supernume- in former years we have had fogs, and from

this village, preaching once, and of late oc- Not for many years was there so much ice casionally twice on the same Sabbath. He seen so far south in the Atlantic, and in often spoke with much difficulty but with consequence, not for many years have fogs acceptance among the people; and it was prevailed so far south. It is the effect of his frequent prayer that he might labour to the great amount of ice with which in the

"O that without a lingering groan I may the welcome word receive; My body with my charge lay down, And cease at once to work and live ("

swered, for he preached on the Sabbath shall walk and not faint."

During the week his health was as usual. On Thursday last he seemed better than he had been for some time. A few friends took tea with him in the evening, when he was cheerful almost to playfulness. He increased disease. About twelve o'clock he and inland lakes. complained of cold, when Mrs. Williams threw something additional on his shoulders. Shortly after he requested her to get a light, when the sweat of death was visible in his face. He asked for some cough mix-Williams, raised his eyes to heaven as in devotion, and fell back upon his pillow.

Mrs. Williams, who was alone in the house, immediately ran for me, I was soon with him, but all was over; his heart had pulse could yet be felt. The Doctor arrived shortly after, but his Spirit had fled to the land of rest. He expired without the motion of a muscle, a sigh or a groan. His remains were interred on Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock. I regret none

Preaching Funeral Sermons was inimical to the views of our departed Brother. The practice of preaching what is called ated when the population of the Provinces excellent; because the people had but few opportunities of hearing the Gospel; but now that Christian Ministers abound, the same necessity does not exist, and the practice in many instances has become an evil.

Brother Williams objected to funeral sermons as a general practice for the follow-

to the Sabbath when they might with equal the course of the Indus. On no other supposiconvenience have been attended to on the tion can a ruin be accounted for that was at once week-day: thus all the labour connected so sudden and so complete. Skeletons were with the funeral, and sometimes the addi- found in every house that was opened and in the tional labour of preparing a feast for the at- streets, some crouched together in corners, and endants on that sacred duty has to be per- there buried; others crushed flat by a falling

shame at the hole of the pit from whence under Divine Providence, to "a few young The late Rev. Richard Williams, that if only an infant dies, and the Minister, greatest importance, yet all must be laid

This Brother Williams considered as de-

worketh in us not will and to do-that place on Friday morning last, the 1st inst., unpleasant circumstances in which it often Of the early life of Brother Williams we ed upon to do this duty no matter whether the mind that was in Christ, enabling us to can give but little information, as he left no he knew the deceased or not, it was ex-Sabbath, would be carrying the message of salvation to the perishing; while, on the salvation to the perishing the salvation to When historical justice shall be accorded to so that his age is now 67; 43 years he was he had any, must be presented in bold reeight in the regular work, and five years he heaven, and no doubt be allowed to remain in the annals of the Church among the most has been a supernumerary.

His parents were members of the Church onever experienced the converting grace of God, or given evidence that he had been menetactors of our race.

The mass of ignorance and vice which was led to see himself a sinner who must lower the standard of holiness as required

only a few days before his death, " From ed on my account."

In accordance with the wishes of Brother Williams there was no funeral sermon lighted to bonour." The former has won his and miserable, preached, but an address delivered, of which the above is a synopsis. The congregation was large and deepty affected.

Brother Williams was much respected n this community, beloved by our own Church, and his loss in the pulpit will be 1 am yours truly,

WILLIAM WILSON.

The Philosophy of Fog.

If science cannot yet number among riumphs, the power of dissipating fog, it can do much towards alleviating the mental gloom which it generates. In this sentiment, we are sure all will acquiesce who peruse the philosophic exposition of the causes to which the fog that has so long depressed and enshrouded us in this part of the Province, are, according to a highly in-Witness, to be attributed. Read and digest

There is no rose without its thorn: pleasure without some alloy intermixed .-Many of our friends little imagined when enjoying the long season of sleighing which he severity of last winter provided for them, that the same agent was also laying up for them a store of unpleasantness, in the shape dism was in a languishing condition in that days the glad light of the sun. And now, in some of the most important Connexional The REV. JOHN BOWERS, (who was very a trust, a sacred trust; and he bent all his powwhen all should be bright and joyous, has spheres of labour, has gained for himself "a cordially received.) in moving the first resolu- ers to the discharge of his duties. This is a less which had occurred the previous year, but it come, spreading around a sad gloom that good degree" among his brethern. In saying tion, said,—I have listened, Mr. President, with son for us; to see such a man, at whose side I causes the happy faces which erewhile bless- this, we do not forget that both Mr. Bowers and peculiar interest, first to the reading of the ad- stood for twenty-eight years, smitten down-it is and melancholy.

In 1831, he was appointed to the Bridge- inulated in the North Atlantic, is now being and coming in contact, at the same time, Age and infirmity had now produced with the cold water at the North, powerfully the same cause. But after a severe winter The last five years of his life he spent in they are known to extend much further south. early part of summer, the North Atlantic is

The warm and rarified air which at first holds the fog in suspension, becomes graduin French for this purpose,—especially the This prayer in his case was remarkably an- ally cooled by it, and is contracted. The moisture is in consequence condensed, and previous to his death, at the small chapel, then falls that disagreeable drizzling "Scotch Tupperville, and returned the same even- mist," as it is commonly called, which we The distance is five miles. His last always feel after fog has prevailed for two text was Isa. xl. 31: "But they that wait or three days. The fact that the fog blows upon the Lord shall renew their strength; in upon the land is explained thus:-Land they shall mount up with wings as eagles; air is much warmer and lighter than sea they shall run and not be weary, and they air; it is therefore compelled to yield its place to the sea air by rising into higher altitudes or flying off to warmer climes.-The greater the difference between the respective temperatures of land and sea, the stronger will be the current or breeze. Sea fog is by no means so injurious to health as retired to rest without the least symptom of the fog that rises from bogs and swamps

Another feature peculiar to the fog is, that it generally disappears in the morning, and returns again with returning night .-The sun as it approaches in the morning raises the temperature of the air, expands ture, into which he poured some water with and rarifies it, and causes the fog to disaphis own hands. He gave the vessel to Mrs. pear. This effect the heat of the sun coninues during the day. At the approach of night, as the rays of the sun fall less and ess vertically, the temperature of the air decreases and the fog again re-appears, and should the weather be cloudy, it may not ceased to beat; although the last faltering be driven back for days. Such is the philosophy of fog -our unpleasant and ubiquitous companion for the greater part of last week. Let those who enjoyed last winter endure patiently this inevitable consequence of their pleasures.

ARCHÆLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN SCINDE. Hyderabad, in Scinde, containing an account of Funeral Sermons," seems to have origin- his excavations and discoveries on the site of the the tide of Mahometan invasion had scarcely nenetrated-was destroyed by fire from Heaven and by earthquake on account of the wickedness of its ruler. The investigations of Mr. Bellasis seem to prove that the place really was destroyed some terrible convulsion of nature, which I Because Funerals are often postponed probably, at the same time, completely changed

Opening of the Conference.

Watchman."

take place by seniority and by nomination.

Meeting commenced. There were eight vacan- pressed. In the diversity of these countries, the mons, I am opposed to them; in life and in death I am opposed to funeral sermons, and when I die let no funeral sermon be preached on my account."

Meeting commenced. There were eight vacanties in the diversity of these countries, the unity of spiritual necessity was recognised and tetrling as were those of his mind. His were no sham friendships, his were no mock at tachments; they were genuine, they were genuine, they were genuine, they were preceded on my account." The Revs. Peter Duncan and William Arthur lands, barbarous or refined, those nations which have not the Gospel of Christ, show by painful tical. He was distinguished for the amenities were the Ministers whom their brethern "deposition by long, faithful, and able service, having sustained for many years a most honourable tent of our Missionary operations; but every news, no capriciousness, but a steadiness that imposition in the Connexion. The latter is not one present at that meeting, with the appeal of parted itself to his whole character and conduct, old in the ministry, being but of eighteen years' the four Missionaries in his ears, and with the -as steady, I was going to say, as the course of standing, and in age is younger in proportion consciousness that many other fields, if repre- time itself. Dr. Beecham has been a devoted. than in the ministry. But he has crowded much sented, would make an appeal equally affecting, laborious, and faithful servant of this Society; the flundred shows how high is the position yet sent forth, compared either with the miswhich he has acquired in the esteem and affection of his brethern. His recent sickness and narrow escape from death, and his excellent book just published, have probably contributed to secure him thus early the eminant residue. The contracted with the Head of the Church has been pleased to vouchsafe. Could the supporters of Missions throughout the country only have been convened at that meeting, the result would be gauge of this resolution, we how with meek he Christian Church.

> to know that difference of sentiment as to who, manned missions. This, however, will not be removal of such men as he has mentioned from n any given year, may be the most eligible can- accomplished without very strenuous efforts. didate for the Presidency involves no division of the office of President, and should either or both present to us some view of the operations of the for the night cometh when no man can work. of these, by future Conferences, be elected to Committee throughout the past year; and I have Mr. President, my honoured brethren, and friends the highest office of Methodism, then, as now marked, with great joy and gratitude, the evi- around me, permit me to say,-" Now is the and at all times, we shall endeavour faithfully dences of wisdom, of discretion, of energy, and time!" This is the crisis in which, as it were, to represent the sentiments of the majority of of success, which characterised the record of at the very grave of our departed brethren, we their bretbern in regard to their election.

vears in England, and then resumed the perature of the atmosphere is much higher. so many years, have given him some advantage he had not been named; and have returned to now turned? Let us take it at its flood. We loved, brother and friend. discharged the duties as Chairman of that raising the temperature of the atmosphere, REVIEW OF THE "PREPARATORY COMMITTEES." THE ATTENDANCE.—We were not prepared ing briefly to do so I should have the sympathies are coming forth, cheering prospects are openo see so large an attendance of lay gentlemen of this assembly, -if I had opportunity to expaining to us. Providence is smiling upon us. Now at Bristol. We scarcely remember a more nu- tiate on some of the most prominent points, at is the time to redouble our efforts in advancing merous gathering, and certainly we have not least, of the Missionary history of the past year that great cause of God to which we have devot-

We should be surprised if the attendance of Methodist gentlemen at our Committees did not improve. Each year the business to be transacted grows in interest and importance; and each year it is transacted with increasing compreheniveness and consecutiveness.

Matters are now in progress upon which must depend not only the future advancement, but almost the maintenance, of Methodism. Ar rangements are in process of completion, by which the burdens on its Funds, already very greatly lightened, are to be finally removed, and its operations to be conducted without debt for the future, and by which also provision is to be made for the sustenance and extension of its evangelical movements in this country. The M ssion of Methodism, as a Church, needs to be be ter understood than it has been; and her or ganization, for this end, to be more fully matured and more exactly defined. Methodism hitherto, has done more to impregnate other Churches, both Established and Dissenting, than to secure her own position among the Churches and preserve the fruits of her own labours. Her influence has been as much absorbed as absorbing. She has impressed the spirit of English Christianity, but has been in danger of losing her own pre-eminence, and her vantage-ground for doing this in the future, just in proportion as others have received of her spirit.

But if Methodism is to retain her position for tion. If absorbed, she must cease to impress.-Her spirit cannot continue to prevail, if her tions spread and entrench themselves, Methodism lished in Bombay by Mr. Bellasis, collector of tion, or it must be content to retire. But its spirit and power cannot be spared from the Christiancient city of Brahminadab, on a branch of the more fitted to become the general type and patold bed of the Indus. Tradition affirms that the tern of a catholic and growing Christianity than these sentiments the Committees seem to have acted; and their work has advanced steadily.

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF REVIEW.

lng with much force and emotion, contributed feature of his character ever impressed me more imbue the proceedings of a Business Meeting deeply than his complete mastery of any subject [The Royal Mail Steamship, Canada, Capt, Lang, arrived at four o'clock on Monday afternoon from Liverpool, thus enabling us to a reintelligence, Weslesyan and secular, up to a restriction of the great aspects of the Missionary stated them with a clearness, a certainty, a confiintelligence, Weslesyan and secular, up to a recent date. The former we derive from the work was nobly represented, that in which colonists and Kaffirs, often in conflict one with the duced by the progress of a mathematical demon-The Conference, which, (after a week had other, are equally the objects of Christian zeal. stration. Hence the great value of his counsels. been devoted to important interests of the Con- Another aspect widely different, but even more and his labour in that office which he so long, so nexion by Ministers and Laymen sitting together interesting, had its fitting representative in the ably, and with much advantage, not to our Mis. in the various Committees,) was formally opened person of Mr. Calvert, who went out as the comresterday (July 30th) in the Ebenezer Chapel panion of Hunt, and returns after eighteen dor so long a period discharged. Hence, too, he a Bristol, was the One Hundred and Thirteeth years, leaving behind him, with the grave of his attracted the affection and the confidence of Annual Assembly of the Wesleyan Ministers. | never-to-be-forgotten yoke-fellow, some thirty men, with whom he was associated; and not On such an occassion, after solemn devotional thousand professed converts from cannibalism; only so, but, as many on the platform know. exercises, the first act of the Conference is always to ascertain and to provide for whatever in their language. Mr. West, from Tonga ing in a high sphere in society, and distinguish vacancies have, during the year, been made, by though like Mr. Calvert a South Sea Missionary, ed by great mental cultivation. His writings death or superannuation, in the number of those represents a more advanced stage of operations, all bear the impress of the same sterling, weighty Ministers who constitute what is called the "Le- where the solicitude of training a newly conver- quality of his mind, and hence the value which gal Hundred," and whose assent is required to ted nation has succeeded to the struggle of congal rundred, and whose assett is required to the subsequent proceedings.— quering heathenism. Contrasting strongly with on several important occasions, before Com The elections to this legal senate of Methodism both Africa and Polynesia, the field which Mr. mittees of both Houses of Parliament; and Jenkins represented with singular pathos, and hence, also, the influence which connect-The elections were completed in good time at for which our Society has never yet done as ed itself with the cause he pursued on the present Conference, being all over yestermuch as for either of the others, had the claims any great important public question. The the present Conference, being all over yester- much as for effect of the other and great important public question. The day by about noon, when the Public Prayer- of its hundred and sixty millions effectively qualities of Dr. Beecham's heart were as real tokens, that without it human nature is debased of his charity; ever kind, affectionate, sympa-

We are sometimes ready to boast of the ex. firm, warm yet consistent; there was no fickleof labour into a short space, and his election into felt how small is the number of the labourers it is fitting, therefore, that this Committee should a signal impulse to their exertions in their own resignation to that Almighty Being whose benenow accorded to him. We trust his life may be neighbourhoods. The time for considerable ex. ficence gave us so costly a gift, and who, in His ong spared to the Methodist Connexion and to tension is surely drawing nigh. But it must inscrutable wisdom, has been pleased to take at wait for what was named as desirable within away. We glorify God in the exemplary life The Rev. Robert Young has been elected the present year-the total extinction of the and in the peaceful and triumphant death of his President, by a majority which is considerable debt. This ought to be attained, and if the beloved and honoured servant. Forgive me if. when the small number of Ministers who have feeling which pervaded the Committee could for one moment or two longer, I express my when the small number of Ministers who have attended the Bristol Conference is taken into account. His competitors were the Revs. John Bowers and Francis A. West. It is a pleasure to have the difference of sustinguishment, set on the large that difference of sustinguishment as to whom the difference of the difference

[We have not space for the introduction of tions will not evaporate in mere sentiment; in feeling, and that every Minister will cordially the deeply interesting addresses of the returnsupport the actual President, as all would have ed Missionaries to which reference is made has left us a noble example; and that always done either of the o bers, bad one of them been above; but we must make room for the impression impressed me most forcibly with this view,-that elected. We may say, that Mr. Young, by his sive remarks elicited by the Resolution present- he estimated life at its proper worth; that he labours and hazards on behalf of the Mission ed at the meeting in reference to our late be- regarded life, not as a trifle, not as a pastime, Work, and by his diligence, fidelity, and success loved and venerated President, whose last ser- not as a time of more amusement: but as a

those proceedings. With no less interest have I should consecrate ourselves onew to that great The voting for the Secretaryship was divided listened to the lucid, impressive, spirit-stirring work of God, for which they lived and in the chiefly between Dr. Hannah and the Rev. John addresses with which we have been favoured prosecution of which they died. "There is a the fruit with which it has pleased Almighty under circumstances that demand our grateful God to accompany and succeed their labours. recognition, our devout thanksgiving to God -I should be happy,—and I think that in attempt- Now is the time, difficulties are removing, helps earnest attention has been given by the gentle- friends, the Missionary Secretaries, have devolv- this golden opportunity to pass, great will be men present to the business of the Committees. ed upon me a task of altogether a different na our shame. I do trust, therefore, that you will It was not to be expected that this South Westure—a task to which I cannot address myself forgive me for making this appeal to our friends. tern Conference should be visited by many gen- without a pensive and affectionate recollec- I trust Ministers and laity, old and young, at tlemen from the far north; but from the York- tion, without emotions of great regret and sor- this juncture, will give themselves more fully shire and Lancashire centres of Methodism there row. It respects-I shall be at once antici- than they have ever done to carry out the great was a good attendance, and from all the inter- pated—the severe loss which this Society has purposes of that form of Christianity knows mediate Midland districts. London, of course, suffered in the lamented decease of its late inva- under the name of Methodism-to carry out the sent its contingent to the capital of the West; luable Secretary-the Rev. Dr. Beecham .- great design of our illustrious Founder, at home and well-known friends from Cornwall were With your permission, Sir, I will at once read and abroad, to spread with all our might, Christhe resolution.

> " That this Committee feels called upon to record to its deep sense of the loss sustained by the cause of Christian Missions in general, as well as by the Wesleyan Missionary Society in particular, by the death of the Rev. Dr. Beecham; whose services as one of the Secretaries of fees I doubt whether I ought to give any exthe Society, continued for a space of twen y five pression to my feelings with reference to this years, were at all times faithful, assiduous, and able, and at some special junctures of signal value to the general interests of Christianity At its meeting last year, the first resolution of this Committee expressed approval and gratification, as to the successful discharge of the important duties confided to him in North America; and now it would bumbly bow under the mighty hand of God, in recording the close of his labours; and would further express its thanktuiness that he was spared to complete the important Mission confided to him, and to return to his family, and that he terminated his useful course, in a good old age, in perfect peace, and amidst the most cardial appreciation, on the part of all the triends of Missions, of his sterling qualities, his fidelity, and his efficiency as a Missionary Secretary." Twenty-eight years ago it was my happiness

our relation as colleagues led to the formation of a friendship which, it is comforting now to my mind to be able to say, throughout the whole of usefulness, she must retain her distinct organisa- that interval knew no interruption, no suspension whatever. The opinion which I was then led to form of his personal character, the qualities character of our late, much-loved, and revered frame become attenuated. As other denomination of his mind, his accomplishments as a scholar. his efficiency as a Preacher, his piety, and his -An interesting pamphlet has lately been pub- must either dilligently strengthen its own posi- peculiar talent for public pusiness, never diminished, but I may most truthfully say, rose in creasingly to the last. I shall not attempt any. aging what has been so well done by anything anity of Britain, and its organization is much thing like a lengthened delineation of the character of my departed friend, which has been city—the capital of a Hindoo kingdom to which that of most other Churches. In the spirit of Mr. Scott; and, had it not been so successfully most ably executed by the Revs. Dr. Hoole and accomplished, I am persuaded it would not, on this occasion, be necessary, because the leading characteristics of Dr. Beecham were conspicuous Review this year has possessed an interest with thing dark, doubtful, or ambiguous. You knew in the presence of this meeting,—though unner thing dark, doubtful, or ambiguous. The meeting of the Misssonary Committee of to you all. They were not concealed by anywhich that of no previous year, so far as our experience extends, could compare. The attentance was very numerous; several lay gentle- The qualities of his mind, as we all must have men whose names are new, or comparatively so, in the reports of our Conference proceedings, addity, not showy, not glittering, but substantial dressed the meeting with arrest and that have been made in reference to his character. There is one feature, and that dressed the meeting with arrest and that have been made in reference observations t dressed the meeting with great ability; and the and strong. He possessed a large understandformed. This our venerable Brother considered images of stone or brick still in some tone of feeling was eminently gratifying and ing, great discriminating powers, a faculty of apjunction "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

| Cases buried in the fractured skull. Numerous junction with those committees which are patient, and untiring application. He was never patient, and untiring application. He was never patient, and untiring application. He was never patient, and untiring application. zealous. The state of the funds, and the gencovered, carved figures in ivery, engravings on cornelian and agate, a set of ivery chessmen and other circumstance the presence of a very large but would so down to its source and origin: he like the time of the connection with our own body. II. It is held by many as a principle, from which the Christian Pastor can dissent only at the risk of losing his secularity the like. The figures carved on objects connections and support of the like of losing his secularity that the like of losing hi the days of the Apostles, characterises the Church of the Redeemer, are to be traced.

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tian holiness throughout the land. Lives of great men all remind us, We can make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us Foo(prints on the rands of time.

Mr. J. R. Kay said-There is such a solemnity of mind pervading this meeting, that I conresolution, for if I attempted to do so it would he done in language unworthy of the subject .-I am very sorry that this resolution has not been entrusted to some other layman, who is more competent to express himself. It has been my pleasure to know the late Dr. Beecham for many years, and, during the whole of that time, I had the strongest impression made on my mind, that he believed himself called of God to do the work of the ministry. During the whole of that time, I believe he faithfully discharged his official duties; and there was no man in whom. I believe, the Connexion had greater confidence.-He in-pired a uniform kindness, and never generated distrust. But what is best of all, while he preached the Gospel, he lived by the Gospel and when he came to his last hour, he triumphantly expected a better life, knowing that to be " absent from the body" was to be " present with the Lord." When we contemplate such men, I to be the colleague of the Rev. Dr. Beecham, am sure that our reverend fathers and brethren need not be ashamed of their calling, though no episcopal hands have been placed on their beads.

Mr. FARMER said-Having read what has been written by Dr. Hoole in reference to the departed friend; having heard what has also been recorded in our minutes; and having lietened to the eloquent speech in which the resolution was proposed, I really feel afraid of damthat I can add myself. Yet, having had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Dr. Beecham so long, having been brought so frequently into association with him in the work which had been assigned to him in committees, where we have been brought together,—the testimony of one so connected with him, and a layman, may not be altogether superfluous. I most sincerely state, that all that I have seen, and all that I have observations that have been made in reference rendered him a fit representative to work for us

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