

Sackville—Wednesday, 21st, Mr. Joseph Ayard, son'r. in the Chair; Proucher, the Rev. H. Pope, other speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Busby, Hennigar, Pope, and M. Nutt. Subscriptions £27 10.

Dorchester—Thursday, 22d, Mr. Joseph Ayard, son'r. in the Chair; Proucher, the Rev. R. Williams, other speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Busby, Hennigar, M. Nutt and Williams, and William Chapman, Esq. Subscriptions, £43 5 7.

PETITCODIAC CIRCUIT.

Monckton—Friday, 23d January, Proucher, the Rev. R. Williams; William Chapman, Esquire, in the Chair; Speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Busby, M. Nutt and Williams. Subscriptions, £10 10 0.

Hopewell—Tuesday, 27, Proucher, the Rev. S. Busby; John Smith, Esquire, in the Chair; Speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, M. Nutt and Busby, and William Chapman, Esquire. Subscriptions, £12 17 6.

Hillsborough—Friday, 30, Proucher, the Rev. R. Williams; William Chapman, Esquire, in the Chair; Speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Busby, M. Nutt and Williams. Subscriptions, £4 17 2 1-2.

Coverdale—Monday, Feb. 2, William Chapman, Esquire, in the Chair; Speakers, the Rev. Messrs. Williams, Busby and M. Nutt. Subscriptions, £11 16 10.

Total Subscribed in the Westmorland Circuit, £114 11 10.

Ditto, in the Petlocodiac Circuit, £40 1 6 1-2.

The first Anniversary of the Sussex Vale Wesleyan Missionary Branch Society, was held on the second and third of February at the Upper Settlement, and at the Mill Stream. In connexion with these meetings, Sermons were delivered on the preceeding Sabbath, and although, in consequence of the severe snow storm, which took place a few days previous, there was a disappointment of some of the Preachers who were expected, could not attend; yet the principal part of the places were supplied by others, who were there. On Monday the meetings commenced, Mr. G. T. Ray, of St. John was called to the chair, and the annexed Report was then read; after which, solemn, appropriate, and impressive Speeches were delivered by the Rev. W. Smithson, Rev. M. Pickles, Mr. R. Colepitt, Mr. Douglass, Mr. A. W. McLeod, and Mr. A. Henderson.—The Congregations were large, attentive, and serious; and many of the people were deeply affected by the statements that were given of the condition of their fellow creatures: and their increased liberality, manifested a growing interest in the cause of missions.

The collections were considerably more this year than the last, and several persons in addition to those of last year, came forward at the close of the services, and gave in their names to become annual Subscribers.—The sum of £8 10s. was collected.

REPORT.

The Committee of the Sussex Vale Wesleyan Missionary Branch Society, desire, devoutly to offer their gratitude to ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all goodness, for the measure of success which has crowned their efforts during the year now past, for the increasing light he has caused to shine upon their own minds, and for the knowledge they have acquired, of the spiritual destitution of a great proportion of the human family, and especially of the benighted and degraded heathen. These outcasts of men, they recognize as their brethren, descended from one common ancestor, and as being endowed with the high attribute of immortality. They therefore, deem it imperative upon them, and upon all Christian people, to think deeply upon the state of the heathen nations, to pity them in their dark, and degraded condition, and according to the utmost of their ability, to contribute towards the diffusion of the sacred and saving truths of the glorious Gospel of our Lord and

Saviour Jesus Christ among them. Justice, as well as mercy requires this of them; and your Committee consider it a great privilege for the people of Sussex Vale to have an opportunity of casting their nite into this treasury. That God who has made of one blood, all the nations of men, who dwell upon the face of the whole earth, has graciously promised, that all shall be taught of him, and, that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the face of the deep." Having perfect confidence in the promises, and knowing that the Lord is graciously pleased to make use of means, and the instrumentality of men to accomplish his benevolent purposes and designs, it becomes the duty of all men, to contribute, towards sending the Ministers of the Cross, the Herald of Salvation, to those benighted people, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to the Kingdom of God's dear Son; that they may obtain an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith which is in CHRIST JESUS. The success which has already attended the efforts of those who have been engaged in that good work, affords ample grounds of encouragement, and shews that their work of faith and labour of love have not been in vain in the Lord.

Your Committee acknowledge with heart-felt gratitude, the liberality of this Branch, and are happy to record, that in the first year of its existence, the sum of twenty-three pounds, was contributed towards the benevolent object of the Parent Society. And it greatly increases their pleasure, to witness the steadfastness of former members, and the accession of an increased number of contributors for the year ensuing. This proves to a demonstration the favorable influence of the Gospel upon their hearts, and that they are determined not to withhold good from them to whom it is due, while it is in the power of their hands to perform it. And that they wisely consider themselves to be but stewards of that which they possess; and that they will shortly have to give an account, to that God who has bestowed it.

Viewing things in this light, your Committee confidently anticipate, an increase of zeal, benevolence, and exertions in all the members of this Institution, and also a large accession to their numbers. Then shall the small sums contributed by each, go to swell the tide of the benevolence of the parent Institution.

Your Committee have witnessed with peculiar complacency, the assiduity and patient perseverance of the Collectors, in bringing together the free will offerings of the people, and the unostentatious manner in which they have emulated the zeal, of those holy, learned, laborious, and faithful persons, who have gone before them; and whose bodies, now lie low in the dust of the earth, until that voice is again heard which once said, "*I am the resurrection and the life.*"

A continued, cordial, and zealous co-operation, of the office bearers, and of all the members of this infant institution, will in its measure, contribute to assist the general purpose of the most noble benevolence, and towards the more extensive diffusion of Divine truth, the conversion of the heathen, and the spread of experimental and practical godliness through the earth.

It will also furnish an example worthy of imitation to the generation, which is now rising up around us, and which will shortly fill the places which we now occupy,—therefore, what our hands find to do, let us do it with all our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge in the grave, whither we are all going.

But as nothing is wise, or strong, or good without HIM, let us earnestly implore, the special blessing

and grace of God, upon all our efforts, remembering that Paul, may plant, and Apollos, water; but it is God only who giveth the increase.

May a spirit of earnest prayer, be poured out upon all the members of this Institution, and upon the Church universal;—may the Ministers of the Gospel be clothed with power and the Atonement give testimony to the word of his Grace. And may the pleasing anticipations of the Christian Poet, be fully realized.

Our heathenish land,
Beneath the command,
In mercy receive;
And make us a pattern to all who believe.
Then, then let it spread,
Thy knowledge and dread,
Till the earth is o'er-flowed
And the universe filled with the glory of God.

VARIETY.

ON SELLING PERNICIOUS BOOKS.

Dr. Beattie justly said, "If I one soul improve, I have not lived in vain." But persons in the habit of selling pernicious publications, live to injure others, by giving circulation to works of an immoral and irreligious nature; and by spreading them among the various gradations of society, they are instrumental in diffusing vicious habits, and infidel principles.—Such a line of conduct is repugnant to the genius of the gospel, and diametrically opposed to those benevolent sentiments with which Christianity inspires the mind. We are to frown at vice, and smile at virtue. We are to "abstain from all appearance of evil," and to endeavour to do good in every possible way, by suppressing vice and immorality, and spreading truth and virtue in every direction. The conduct of the Ephesians, recorded Acts xix. 19. was therefore highly proper, and is worthy the imitation of Christians in general. The Rev. Mr. Wesley pertinently remarks, in his comment on that scripture,—"*To burn them, was far better than selling them, even though the money had been given to the poor.*" For, how can we present to others, works which we have proved to be injurious to ourselves?

In the middle of the last century, when some doubts were expressed as to the propriety of erecting a new episcopal church in Philadelphia, Dr. Franklin delivered an opinion upon it in his characteristic manner. "To build a new church in a growing place," said he, "is not properly dividing, but multiplying, and will really be a means of increasing the number of those who worship God in that way. Many who cannot now be accommodated in the church, go to other places, or stay at home; and if we had another church, many who go to other places, or stay at home, would go to church. I had for several years, nailed against the wall of my house, a pigeon-box that would hold six pair: and though they were as fast as my neighbour's pigeons, I never had more than six pair, the old and strong driving out the young and weak, and obliging them to seek new habitations. At length, I put up an additional box, with apartments for entertaining twelve pair more, and it was soon filled with inhabitants by the overflowing of my first box, and of others in the neighbourhood. This I take to be a parallel case with the building of a church here."

Tower of Babel.—The tower of Babel, says a recent traveller in the east, now presents the appearance of a large mound or hill, with a castle on the top, in mounting to which the traveller now and then discovers through the light sandy soil, that he is treading on a vast heap of bricks. The total circumference of the ruin is 2236 feet, though the building itself was only 2000, allowing 500 to the stadia, which Herodotus assigns as the side of its square. The elevation of the west side is 198 feet. What seems to be a mound at a distance, when examined, proves to be a solid mass of kiln burnt bricks, 37 feet high and 23 broad.

REASON.

The strength and dignity of man consists in his Reason; all which darkens and impairs this precious faculty, weakens, lessens, or renders him contemptible.