

# METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

NOVEMBER, 1876.

## FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CANADA.

ON Sabbath, October 8th, Anniversary Services, on behalf of the Society, were preached in the Centenary Church, St. John, New Brunswick, in the morning by the Rev. G. R. SANDERSON, President of the London Conference; and in the evening by the Rev. Dr. JEFFERS, President of the Toronto Conference. The Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS conducted the service in the Germain Street Church, and the Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, at Exmouth Street and Portland. In all these churches the congregations were large, and the discourses are said to have been "opportune, in keeping with the time and place, highly Missionary in sentiment, and breathing an earnest desire for the speedy evangelisation of all the peoples and nations of the earth."

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held in the Centenary Church, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th. At seven o'clock the Rev. GEORGE DOUGLAS, LL.D., Vice-President of the General Conference, gave out the 693rd Hymn, commencing with—

"Head of thy Church, whose Spirit fills  
And flows through every faithful soul,  
Unites in mystic love, and seals  
Them one, and sanctifies the whole."

This was sung with great heartiness; after which the Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, Secretary-Treasurer, led in prayer.

The Honourable JAMES FERRIER, of the Dominion Senate, by request of the Central Board, presided over the Meeting. On taking the Chair, he gave expression to the pleasure he had derived from his visit to St. John having looked forward to this Meeting of the Missionary Board and anticipating much pleasure in attending it; spoke of the visit he had made to this city previous to confederation of the Provinces, and now that the confederation of the two branches of the Methodist Church has been consummated, trusted he would yet be spared for a few years to see the harmonious working of this union. The power of the Church must be expanded by it, and much benefit ensue. Now that we are enjoying the benefits, we must open our hearts to those who have none of them. He eulogised the enterprise the Methodist organization, which keeps pace