

has no more need of us, than a mighty monarch has of the vilest insects that creep in the dust beneath his feet; and our best actions, strictly speaking, deserve absolutely nothing from our Creator and Preserver, because we owe him all we have, and are, and can possibly do. But if we transgress in one point, we ruin all our obedience, and expose ourselves to the just penalty of his broken law. The following example may illustrate this observation:

If a rich man gives a *thousand* meals to an indigent neighbour, he acts only as a *man*, he does nothing but his duty; and the judge allows him no reward. But if he give only *one* dose of poison, he acts as a *murderer*, and must die a shameful death. So greatly does one act of sin outweigh a thousand acts of obedience! How exceedingly absurd then, is the common notion, that our good works counterbalance our bad ones! Add to this, that,

4. Guilt necessarily rises in proportion to the baseness of the offender, the greatness of the favours conferred upon him, and the dignity of the person offended. An insulting behaviour to a servant is a fault, to a magistrate it is a crime, to the king it is treason. And what is wilful sin, but an injury offered by an impotent rebel, to the infinitely powerful Lawgiver of the universe, to the kindest of Benefactors, to the gracious Creator and Preserver of men:—an insult given to the Supreme Majesty of heaven and earth, in whose glorious presence the dignity of the greatest potentates and archangels, as truly disappears, as the splendour of the stars in the blaze of the meridian sun: sin, therefore, as flying in the face of such a Lawgiver, Benefactor and Monarch, has in it a kind of infinite demerit from its infinite object; and rebellious, ungrateful, wretched man, who commits it a thousand times, with a thousand aggravations, may, in the nervous language of our Church, be said, in some sense to “deserve a thousand hells, if there were so many.”

—Fletcher.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters received.

ANONYMOUS, on the subject of Postage.¹ F. W. Verran, Bathurst.¹¹ Rev. P. Sleep.¹¹¹ Martin Delaney, E. J. Cunningham, Esq., T. McMurray, Lewis Marshall, Esq., Miss Newton.¹⁴ Mr. S. Trueman, Rev. J. V. Jost, Rev. W. Wilson, Rev. T. H. Davies.¹⁵ Rev. W. E. Shenstone, Rev. W. Smith.¹⁶ Rev. A. W. McLeod.

¹ The subject itself will come under future notice.

¹¹ We must beg to decline the Poetry from Bathurst.

¹¹¹ Will oblige us by continuing his attention to the interests of the Wesleyan, as he has so kindly done hitherto. We should be glad if his attentions could extend to Annapolis, Bridgetown, and Bear River.

¹⁴ We are sorry that our limits preclude the possibility of again inserting an account of the Meeting. We should gladly have given precedence to it, had it arrived in time.

¹⁵ The communications were particularly acceptable—many thanks.

¹⁶ Will oblige by being less laconic, and by paying the postage of his letters.

We have great pleasure in stating, that the prospective stations of the Preachers, resolved upon at the last District Meeting, have, with respect to this District, been confirmed by the British Conference, in its late session.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES.

THE Anniversary Sermon, for the Liverpool Branch Wesleyan Missionary Society, was preached in the Wesleyan Chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Shenstone, from Lunsburg, to a crowded audience, on Sunday, Sept. 30; and on Tuesday evening following, the Missionary Meeting was held in the same place, Joshua Newton, Esq. in the chair. Missionary Meetings were also held at Hunts' Point, and Milla Village, with usual good success. It is expected that the aggregate receipts will equal those of last year.—*Con.*

THE Anniversary Sermons of the Lunsburg Wesleyan Missionary Association, were preached to good congregations, on Sunday, the 7th inst.; and on Monday evening, the Anniversary Meeting was held, J. Heckman, Esq. M.P.F. in the chair. The Meeting was addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Fraser, [Presbyterian] Smith and Shenstone; and by Robert Barry, Charles Owen, and Daniel Owen, Esqrs. Meetings were also held in different parts of the circuit; and the prospect, as regards the proceeds, is good.—*Con.*

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Session of the Institute will open on the first Wednesday in November. Admission Tickets for the Session 7s. 6d. each, may be had at Messrs. McKinlay's stationary store, where also the list of members remain, for additional signatures. Twelve lectures from the opening have been arranged by the committee, and are subjoined for public information.

November 7, Introductory Address, W. Young, Esq. 14th, the Brain Dr. Grigor. 21st, Phrenology, Mr. Donah. 28th, do do. Dec. 5, Mr. George R. Young. 12th, Creation, Rev. Mr. Churchill. 19th, Sculpture, Mr. P. Lynch, Junr. 26th, Biography, Mr. W. Hoffman. 2nd, Chemistry, Mr. A. McKinlay. 9th, do do. 16th, Chemistry, Dr. Sawers. 23rd, Hydrostatics, Mr. A. McKenzie. 30th, do do.

Besides these, Lectures from the following gentlemen, and others, may be expected during the session:

Messrs. G. L. O'Brien, James Forman, Junr.—Dr. Toulon, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rev. Mr. McIntosh.—[Novascotian.]

ON our last page we have subjoined a few extracts from English news, received by the Packet. We add to these the following items in addition.

MUNIFICENT DONATION.—In the will of Sarah Wakefield, late of Chesnut, widow, proved within the last fortnight in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, appear the following bequests:—Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Kent-road, £1,500; London Hospital, Whitechapel, 1,000; St. Luke's Hospital, Old-street, £500; Blind-school, St. George's-fields, £100; British and Foreign Bible Society, Earl-street, £5,000; London Missionary Society, Bloomfield street, £1,000; Royal Jennerian and London Vaccine Institution, Providence-row, Finsbury, £500; Royal Humane Society, Chatham-place, £500; Marine Society, Bishopsgate street, £500; Asylum for Female Orphans, Westminster Bridge road, £500; Foundling Hospital, Lamb's Conduit-street, £500; St. Ann's Society's Schools, £500; London Orphan Asylum, Clapton, £1,000; Society for Maintaining the Poor Orphans of Clergymen, St. John's wood, £500; Seamen's Hospital for Wounded Seamen of all Nations, £500; Refuge for the Destitute, Hackney road, £500; St. Thomas's Hospital, £500; Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, £500; Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, £500.

MORAL INFLUENCE OF METHODISM.—In a discussion which took place on a paper, read last week at the meeting of the British Association, respecting the police of Newcastle, it having been mentioned that mining districts are generally the most free from crimes, Sir C. Lemon accounted for it by the greater regularity of mining employment, the higher rate of wages, the superior instruction, and the absence of hostility to machinery.—Mr. Cargill said, that when the wages of the pitmen round Newcastle were less than they are now, crime was far more abundant; he added, that much improvement in the moral condition of the colliers had been effected by the labours of the Wesleyan Methodists.

Previous to the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway, there were no more than 146,000 passengers in the year travelling between the two places by coaches, whereas the present number, by railway alone, exceeds 500,000!

TRIAL OF ANTHRACITE COAL.—On Friday week a trial was made on the Liverpool and Manchester Railway of the applicability of anthracite coal as a fuel for locomotive engines. The engine employed was the Vulcan, one of the smaller engines, used for conveying goods. The general result of the trial was highly satisfactory.

Lord Western has recently presented Cranmer's or the Great Bible, to the Duke of Sussex, as a tribute of respect to his Royal Highness, whose collection of Bibles, in all languages and of all editions, is probably the finest in the world.

The 'Watchman' announces the death of Mr. George Ve-