

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

FEBRUARY 1st, 1869.

FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADA AUXILIARY WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

A LARGE and enthusiastic meeting was held in the beautiful and substantial church in Guelph, on Tuesday evening, November 3rd, at seven o'clock. Rev. JAMES ELLIOTT commenced the proceedings by giving out the 457th hymn, "On all the earth thy Spirit shower," &c., after which he offered prayer. On the platform were the Rev. Wm. M. Punshon, M.A., President of the Conference, Dr. Wood, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Green, Dr. Evans, Rev. J. Douse; A. W. Lauder, Esq., M.P.P., Joshua Adams, Esq., John Torrance, jun., Esq., W. H. Gibbs, Esq., E. Jackson, Esq., Revs. S. Rose, E. B. Harper, M.A., W. Stephenson, and others.

JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., lay Treasurer of the Society, was called to the chair.

Mr. MACDONALD said that they met every year to record the story of Missionary toil and triumph, and to devise means for carrying on this good and glorious work. The work was divided into Domestic and Foreign. The Domestic work was maintained for the purpose of providing destitute settlers in the newer settlements of our own country with the word of life, and the ordinances of religion. Among the pagan Blackfoot Indians, a very cruel and murderous tribe, they had commenced a mission. He would not say anything about the Vancouver's Island and B. Columbia Mission, seeing that the venerable pioneer of that work, Rev. Dr. Evans, was now on the platform, as a returned Missionary, and would tell his own tale. They were aware that a few months ago they had undertaken a mission to the Red River Settlement. From this country they had received glad tidings in a letter from Rev. Geo. Young, giving an interesting sketch of his 90 miles circuit. There was formed already a class of 14 members—the first class-meeting held in that colony. A church was much needed at Fort Garry, and they must build it, as the colonists were in great distress. Fam-

ine was imminent, flour being already \$10 per 100 lbs; there was great suffering, and it was feared many would starve in the winter. Rev. E. R. Young, the Missionary sent out to Norway House, had taken a journey of 200 miles to Oxford House, where he found a church, much dilapidated, and needing an outlay of £30 stg. to put it in proper repair. He stated that a man and his wife had travelled 200 miles with their child in order to have it baptized. There was a pleasing incident showing the anxiety of the Indians to obtain Christian ordinances. A band of natives hearing that the Missionary had passed by the place where they had been encamped, waited in a narrow pass, through which they knew the Missionary's party must travel, in order to get their children baptized. In another band 100 hands were held up at a meeting, expressive of their desire for a Missionary.* Mr Young declared his intention to refer this request to Toronto, and ask for help. They said, "We have heard this reply before, and our hearts are melted within us from long watching."

An increased interest in this cause was felt every year. Men and means were greatly needed. Strange to say,

*See Mr. Young's Letter, page 30, of this No.