

The promised MESSIAH was spoken of as the Sun of Righteousness, that should arise with healing in his beams. He is, indeed, the Sun of that new world which the Spirit of his grace has created,—a Sun without a spot, “the express image of his Father’s person, and the brightness of his glory.” Seated in the centre, he diffuses light, life, vigour, and joy, throughout every part of the spiritual system.

“The circle where my passions move,
The centre of my soul.”

From the day that God said, “Let there be light,” the Sun has continued to shine with undiminished lustre. He has sent forth oceans of light for thousands of years, and his glory is not impaired; as a giant refreshed, he cometh from the chambers of the east and rejoiceth to run his daily course. “Even so the Sun of Righteousness is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.” His power is unexhausted, notwithstanding the vast displays he has made of its unsearchable riches. But all emblems fail, when Divine things are the objects they are intended to illustrate. The time will come, when the Sun shall be blotted out; but the period will never come when the spiritual sun shall lose his lustre;

“Grow dim with age, and sink in years.”

Thou alone art worthy forever to be adored and forever to shine! O! thou Maker of that glorious body! when my eyes shall be forever closed, and never more behold the brightness of the day, grant, O my Saviour, that I may, through thy grace, live in a better world, and be found amongst those who shall shine as the Sun!

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

WESLEYAN MISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Watchman.

PARIS, JAN. 26th, 1838.

DEAR SIRS,—The change of our place of worship, from la Rue d'Anjou to la Rue Royale, has already been noticed in your columns, but a few words more on that subject may, perhaps, be interesting to your readers. The labours of my predecessor, the Rev. R. Newstead, were attended with considerable success among the English in Paris, and were highly salutary in their influence upon the French work generally. As the successor of the indefatigable missionary, the Rev. Charles Cooke, Mr. Newstead was honoured of God and highly respected by his hearers. When Mr. Newstead left Paris, and up to the present time, we occupied three rooms as a chapel in la Rue d'Anjou, which rooms were procured with difficulty, and in which a respectable congregation was gathered, though, from the nature of things, subject to great variation in its identical character. After four years of incessant labour, Mr. Newstead retired from this station to a circuit in London. Now in la Rue d'Anjou, it became impossible to extend the work; all that could be hoped for was, that it might be kept stationary. There was also a doubt even whether we could long hold it as a place of worship. In the month of October we were favoured with the presence of the Rev. Mr. Beecham, at our Missionary anniversary, when it became matter of serious consideration whether or not a more suitable place of worship could be obtained in Paris. Several plots of ground were pointed out to us, in situations every way eligible; but then the price of the ground alone was at least, £2,500 or £3,000, to say nothing of the expense of the building. This project was, therefore, of necessity abandoned. Our next step was to seek for a builder with whom we might engage for a chapel on a lease. Two gentle-

men offered to find ground and build us a neat chapel, but one of them required an annual rent of £350, and the other £400, with, at least, three years' rent in advance—and to this sum must have been added the rent of the minister's dwelling. Here, again, we were discouraged, and gave up our labours in despair. But hope, the great cordial of human life, revived, and we began to look out for the residence of the preacher, in which there might be a large room suitable for a chapel. Several persons were then employed for above a month, and at length two or three places were discovered which were thought suitable; but as soon as we stated that the place was wanted for a chapel, the answer was uniformly in the negative. The whole case was then given up, and we resolved to leave it in the hands of God, and wait till He should, in his good providence, open our way before us. At this moment a friend suggested, that there was a large apartment in la Rue Royale, close to the Madeleine, which would answer well if it could be obtained. Application was made for it. Many objections were raised against a chapel. Inquiries were instituted concerning us; it was found that we had a good reputation in Paris, and the party began to listen to us. We at length obtained a verbal promise of the place; but new difficulties were started respecting certain clauses in the lease, which to us were indispensable; and it was not till after many a journey and many a debate, and the best professional advice in Paris, that the lease was signed. In all this business, our esteemed friend, Mr. John Wilks, was of essential service to us. Just before the lease was signed, we were favoured with a visit by our much respected friend, Mr. Westhead, of Manchester, accompanied by Mr. Sibley. Mr. Westhead highly approved of the place, and encouraged us in our efforts to procure it. So judicious an opinion was very seasonable and duly appreciated. The lease is made out for three, six or nine years, and grants us nearly all that we desired. My family is removed into the dwelling apartment, and we now only wait for Dr. Bunting to come and open the chapel that we may begin to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in la Rue Royal, in the city of Paris. The chapel is very commodious; it can be enlarged at a very small expense; the street is 135 feet wide, and though the family apartment is on the same floor, the one is quite distant and separate from the other, and the outside, facing the main street, is quite chapel-like in its appearance. When the whole of our arrangements are completed, we shall not increase our rent for the French and English chapels, and the dwellings of the two ministers, more than £40 a year; and even this will be provided for by increased subscriptions and collections. There will certainly be expenses occasioned by the changes, removals, and fitting up of a new chapel; but as the friends in Paris are coming forward liberally, it is hoped that other friends in England will be found ready to this good work, so as to prevent the necessity of drawing to any large amount on the funds of the Parent Society. It may be well to observe, that although this is an English chapel there will also be French preaching in it, at least once a week. We fully admit the French work is our great object in this country, but it is very clear that an English cause in Paris is of vast importance in its influence upon the French stations, and upon the continent in general. I beg particularly to call the attention of my old friends in London, Bristol, Derby, Portsmouth, and other places, to the following statement:—We have a room on the premises, on the same floor with the chapel, and which we are fitting up for our little Sunday-school, and a library. To this library young medical students, as well as other young men from England, who have no home here, may resort before and after service on the Sabbath, and where they may spend several hours of that day in reading valuable religious works. Now we shall be obliged to our friends if

they can help us with Books may be addressed London, with these Paris Library.” The generally; but more

FRENCH CHAPEL. calling the attention of a new West French capital. A situation, for the English desideratum; and we ty has at length been of so much importance. The new place of which Paris affords, being on the Boulevard building, La Madeleine land-mark to the anxious to find the Dr. Bunting has engaged. —Walckman.

WESLEYAN PREACH are glad to find, that of this fund, have existed in some circuits. At the meeting of the London proposed to be forwarded of Birmingham, as was carried unanimously received, coming most yearly payment of a the month of February which this sprung from the previous knowledge the Louth quarterly do a kindness, but the —Ibid.

AFRICAN MISSION by the Rev. Robert dated “Leeds, January the goodness to acknowledge the next week, the presented by a family ton Dale” mission, to purchase a bell, Divine Worship, and poses of the mission for the same station, Mr. Boyce, who writes a very encouraging in that part of Africa articles I have named procure them.” —Ibid.

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PERSECUTION AND

The following are from a Circular, issued from the Missionary Society. Never since the Society has a meeting at the Board of its Monday evening the were made and let proceedings of the against the disciples Suspending all other deep emotions, that felt to be a solemn devotion before God, and throne of grace in which the enemy is persecuting flock no