

The Provincial Wesleyan.

Correspondence.

Tea Meeting at Greenwich.

The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel at Greenwich in the Horton Circuit, has for years been in need of repairs and improvements. Last year about thirty pounds were expended in effecting some alterations, and in partly painting the house; but the outlay was insufficient to accomplish those improvements which were so much indispensable to the comfort of the congregation. It was in order not to be frustrated in their purpose, resolved, in accordance with the suggestion of the ladies, to hold a "Tea Meeting," the proceeds of which were to be applied for the above desirable object. Arrangements were accordingly made, and posters issued announcing the appointment of Tuesday the 10th inst., as the day of the Meeting.

For the accommodation of the number of persons expected to attend, a large and extremely beautiful booth was erected by the young men of the Greenwich, to whom very much praise is due for the great taste and skill displayed in the building, which was admired by all; and for their exertions in furthering the object.

The appearance of the heavens on Tuesday morning was indicative of a storm, and much anxiety was felt by many, as most of those expected to be present would come from a distance. Towards noon, however, things assumed a more propitious aspect, and every indication was held out, from the fairness of the weather and the good time anticipated, for a drive to the Tea Meeting.

At the appointed hour the tables were spread, and after invoking the Almighty's blessing by singing—

"Be present at our table, Lord," &c., as the large company (about 430) sat down to enjoy a social repast, in every respect superlatively good. The ladies who presided at the several tables, as usual, did their duty in a commendable manner, and with their promptitude and attention all were highly gratified. While partaking of the bounties of Providence, the "Victoria amateur brass band," from Cornwallis, performed with remarkable ability, to the delight of all present. To the members of this band many thanks are due for their attendance, and the satisfactory manner they aided to gratify the large assembly.

During the evening, short addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Smallwood and Harris, also by J. H. Cox, Esq., and Mr. Rousseau, local preachers. Nothing could possibly exceed the excellent spirit which pervaded the Meeting—there being an absence of everything tending to bring a gloom over any—and an exhibition of marked cordiality and Christian love. The attendance and co-operation of persons belonging to other branches of the Church, and the presence of a pleasing feature in the Meeting, and which fully exemplified the declaration of the Psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." After a vote of thanks proposed to the Ladies, to the Band, and to all who had taken an active part in the proceedings, and the doxology being sung, the large assembly dispersed, delighted with everything connected with this unusually interesting Tea-meeting. The sum realized will be about thirty-four pounds, which amount, it is hoped, will be sufficient to effect every needed improvement in the chapel.

It is very desirable that the laudable example of the Wesleyans at Greenwich should be followed by our friends in other Circuits, who are accustomed to worship in such chapels as are in appearance far from being creditable for places of religious worship, dedicated to the service of the Most High. A LOVER OF GOOD WORKS.
Cornwallis, July 14th, 1855.

Bazaar at Annapolis.

MR. EDITOR.—In a late communication a promise was made of furnishing you with an account of the Young Ladies' Bazaar, held at Annapolis Royal, on Wednesday, the 27th ultimo; the object of which was to raise pecuniary aid for the Patriotic Fund. To redeem that promise, the writer now resumes his pen; confident that your numerous readers—sympathizers with the widow and the orphan in their affliction—will rejoice at the success which has attended the labors and exertions of the ladies engaged in this labor of love, and praiseworthy undertaking.

Early in March last, a Society was formed consisting of about twenty young ladies. Miss Annie M. Gracie, Secretary and Treasurer. During the remainder of the winter and spring they met together, one day in each week, and spent their time working for the same benevolent object which has engaged the attention and occupied the thoughts of so many of our best, and in the Mother Country, and in her numerous and extensive Colonies. Much interest was taken, by the community generally, in forwarding the preparatory operations, and few applications were made in vain to any of the inhabitants.

Permitted to have obtained, the old, time-honored garrison of Annapolis—bearing equal antiquity with Louisbourg and Quebec—was set apart for the Bazaar. The tables were tastefully arranged in the verandah, and the great variety, beauty and utility of the articles together with the order of the arrangement, did ample credit to the judgment, industry, and perseverance of the lady managers.

An antique-looking lower, composed of evergreens, at the entrance of the verandah, and labelled "Post Office," was a very judicious device, busily engaged delivering letters, the tax of which was two pence each. As might naturally be expected from the fair sex—whose genius for epistolary correspondence is unrivalled by that of the gentlemen—many of these brief notes were curiosities of their kind, and the subject matter thereof was such as to elicit many a laugh at the expense of the parties addressed. Closing accounts after office hours, the day's receipts of this department amounted to the sum of £2; the tax, listed at the gate of the garrison at three pence each, to the respectable sum of £11 17s 6d, and the entire net proceeds to the handsome sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds!

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Reserving our delineation of the ecclesiastical proceedings of the Conference for a future number, we hasten to place on record a scene which excited thrilling interest towards the hour of adjournment on Monday afternoon.

The venerable Presiding announced to the meeting, that official duties requiring the President and Co-Delegates of the Canada Conference to return home without further delay, they would take their departure the next morning before the hour of the assembling of the Conference. He therefore felt it fitting to express in their presence, his deep obligations to them for so promptly responding to his request to accompany him to Halifax, and aid him by their counsel, and matured experience in connection with the duties of a Canadian Methodist.

He had felt—he was not without cause to feel—an amount of responsibility resting upon him, in the anticipation of the important movement which he had been deputed from the Parent Conference, to originate, the pressure of which, at times, occasioned him severe mental exertions. When he found Mr. Wood and Mr. Ryerson, so willing to associate themselves, at his request, in friendly counsel, with him and the Conference, his solicitude was materially alleviated.

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He now repeated his convictions uttered at the beginning of the Session that the most inviting fields of usefulness awaited them, and that their altered position would be a lasting blessing to themselves and to the Church of God, in these extensive Provinces.

The Rev. Mr. RYERSON (Co-Delegate) spoke our inability to report at length his appropriate and touching valedictory. He had long, he remarked, felt a desire to see the Brethren in these Provinces, and survey the scenes of their holy toils and triumphs. He desired to be now gratified, under circumstances, and in a manner, most refreshing to his heart. His intercourse with them the last few days, had given them a deep interest in his regards; and his brotherly kindness towards him had left a grateful sorrow on his mind. He rejoiced in this happy initiation of mutual intercourse between his own Conference and this Eastern Conference on a field so extended—a field which so obviously demanded for its efficient cultivation, all the apparatus and energies of such an organization as they now possessed. He congratulated the Conference on the appointment of its very estimable friend Dr. Richey as acting President for the year, and referred in eulogistic terms to his unswerving fidelity to Methodistism, while some of inferior talents and attainments had been lured from their spiritual field. He cherished no feeling towards any who had thus acted but one of benevolence; he wished them all prosperity in their new relations—but he could not withhold from Dr. Richey the need of merited honor because of his superiority to temporal considerations in occupying with decision that ecclesiastical position, the spiritual and providential rectitude of which, commanded—

THE CONFERENCE. We ventured, in the account we gave last week of the opening of the Conference, to express a confident anticipation, that in our present number would be announced the achievement, by the Divine blessing, of the great object contemplated by DR. BEECHAM'S embassy.

That hope, as far as the formal organization of the EASTERN BRITISH AMERICAN CONFERENCE, and the cordial adoption by it of not merely the great principles proposed as the basis of the organization, but of various practical plans to secure the efficient and regular working of the system, are concerned, is now happily realized.

The Conference, however, in its solicitude to do everything well and wisely, and thus preclude the serious inconvenience, if not humiliating failure, that might result from not laying deep and broad foundations, as a scheme so comprehensive and involving so many interests, is still in session, and is fully occupied in maturing its plans, by the appointment of various mixed Committees on whom it will devolve, during the year, to carry out its directions, and thus test by practical experiment, the adaptability of its machinery to the purposes of its formation. Under these circumstances, though it would doubtless gratify the laudable curiosity felt by hundreds of our readers, to receive immediate information concerning the doings of the Conference, we deem it our more prudent course, to await the complete development of negotiations plans for carrying on the work of the year, the introduction of which is rendered necessary by the new position that Methodistism is now called to assume in these Colonies, before attempting to present a consecutive view of what has been done.

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