

that liberality from the assembly, which, by the blessing of God, will relieve the Society from their present embarrassments.

The Speakers on this occasion, were—Wm. B. Gurney, Esquire, Chairman; Rev. John Dyer, Secretary; Rev. W. Giles; Rev. J. Wilkinson; Rev. J. Tinson, Baptist missionary from Jamaica; Rev. W. Orme, Secretary of the London Missionary Society; Rev. J. Dixon (Wesleyan); J. B. Wilson, Esq.; Rev. Dr. Cox; Rev. Mr. Shirley; &c. &c.

After the Secretary announced the amount of the Donations and Collection at the Meeting, as exceeding Three Thousand One Hundred Pounds, the congregation sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and departed.

We cannot omit mentioning the munificent Donations of Individuals at this meeting; among which we notice—

W. B. Gurney, Esq., for himself,	£200
His Son,	100
A young friend,	100
J. B. Wilson, Esq., for himself,	300
For Mrs. Wilson,	50
J. Deacon, Esq.	50

Mr. Wilson engaged, also, to procure £200 more.

These donations, together with numerous others, of smaller sums—the spontaneous effusion of liberal minds, contributed towards the extraordinary sum raised on this occasion. And who could have thought that this sum would have been raised at one meeting? In whatever light we view this astonishing liberality, it strikes us with no less astonishment and gratitude to that God whose are the silver and the gold; that while trade and commerce in our mother country is so extremely depressed, the consequent scarcity of money, so seriously felt in every part of the community; that an effort of this extraordinary kind should be accomplished. We commend the noble spirit by which the friends of the Baptist missionary cause have been actuated; and we trust it will have a salutary effect on the energies of Auxiliary Societies in every direction; that as openings in providence present themselves for the wide extension of divine truth, means may be readily furnished to send the Word of Life to the perishing millions of the human family. Amen, and Amen.

Communicated.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The religious services connected with the Anniversary were commenced on Thursday Evening, April 30th, by a Sermon preached before the Society at City-Road Chapel, by the Rev. Robert Newton, of Liverpool, from Ps. cxlii. 4. On Friday Morning the Rev. James Parsons, of York, preached at Great-Queen-Street Chapel, from Ps. lxxii. 19; and in the Evening the Rev. John Storry, of Ramsgate, preached at Liindo-Street Chapel, from Ps. lxxii. 16, 17, 18.

On Sunday, May 3d, Sermons were preached on behalf of the Society in all the Wesleyan Chapels in London; those in the principal Chapels were preached by the Rev. Jabez Bunting, President of the Conference; the Rev. Adam Clarke, LL.D.; the Rev. Richard Watson, the Honorary Secretary; the Rev. James Parsons, of York; the Rev. Robert Newton, of Liverpool; and the Rev. John Storry, of Ramsgate. The other Chapels were mostly supplied by the Preachers of the London Districts, either residing in London, or remaining in town after the District-Meetings.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Monday, May 4th, in the City-Road Chapel, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon. The Chair was filled by the Right Honourable the EARL OF MOUNT

CASHILL.

On no former occasion do we recollect to have witnessed a more crowded attendance, or to have marked more general interest in the whole of the immense audience. A holy and delightful influence pervaded the Meeting; and the affecting claims of

Ireland, and India, of Africa and the West Indies, to the sympathy and assistance of the Christian public, were urged with sacred and irresistible eloquence, awakening corresponding feelings in every heart. Fields of labour yet unoccupied,—myriads of deeply degraded human beings pleading for help,—stations partially occupied, but needing more extensive and constant aid,—and the necessity of increased and increasing means of sending forth the devoted Missionaries waiting the possibility of hastening to the place of destination, were among the topics pressed upon the notice of the Meeting by the able advocates of Christian Missions. The unwearied attention of the auditors, during a most protracted Meeting, the decision with which the Resolutions were passed, and the cordial congratulations on the tendency of the Meeting to produce united exertion, indicated unusual and deepened conviction of Missionary effort being an inseparable and distinguishing characteristic of scriptural religion, and of that divine influence which expands the heart with love to God and love to man; for "God is love," and "he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

The amount of the Collections at the different services amounted to £1445. 5s. 2d.; including a donation of £20 from the noble Earl who presided.

On taking the Chair, his Lordship said, My Christian friends, I shall occupy your attention but for a few moments, to return you my sincere thanks that such a humble individual as myself has been thought worthy to fill this interesting station, which is more gratifying to me than any other I could be called to in this metropolis; because it is a proof of that connexion which exists between those who are truly devoted to Christ, whatever may be the denomination under which they are ranked. It is a proof that they are guided by that spirit of unity which is promised in the holy Scriptures; and that they are animated by one mind in the promotion of the great and important object of fulfilling the will of God, not only in spreading his word through the world, but in calling sinners, whether in civilized countries, or in pagan lands, to the knowledge of God and of salvation. In this glorious engagement we go forward, joining hand and heart, not in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord, who, we confidently trust, will direct us, and make all our labours increasingly prosperous. This is the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, into the details of which it is not necessary for me to enter; but it is sufficient for me to notice, that this Society has done much good, and we will defy our most decided opponents to prove the contrary. Indeed, so long as vice exists in the world, destroying the souls of millions of mankind, and so long as scepticism and infidelity exercise their influence, excluding, to an awful extent, true religion from it, so long will the zealous labours, not only of this Society, but of all other Societies of a similar character, be required, and be highly beneficial. I will not occupy your time further, as there are so many able men present, who will impress the great objects of the Society not only on your minds, but upon the world; and I hope that what we shall this day hear will sink into the hearts of some who may yet be thoughtless, that they may become actuated by those great principles which impel the exertions of this Society. And if in this assembly there should be any who came here to scoff, I hope and trust they will go home to pray.

The Report was then read by the Rev. John James; after which the First resolution—"That the Report now read be received; and that this Meeting acknowledges with gratitude to God, from whom alone proceedeth all good, the extensive success with which the Wesleyan Missionaries have been favoured in their numerous and widely-extended spheres of action"—was moved by the Right Hon. Sir G. H. Ross, who addressed the Meeting to the following purport:—

My Lord, Ladies, and Gentlemen, I feel that I owe to you an apology for not having arrived at an earlier hour; which was occasioned by an accidental mistake as to the time when the Meeting would begin: but I have an indemnification for myself for this mistake; as I came in at that period of the Report when,—if it is possible to make a distinction among the various causes of satisfaction which the Report has presented to my mind,—such special proofs were given of the spirit of unity which

animates the Society. While that spirit exists among you, through God's blessed Spirit in your hearts, I fear not that the abundance of that blessing which God vouchsafes to those who faithfully serve his cause on the earth will be withheld. I have heard with satisfaction of the state of your Funds; and though I do not consider money as the best proof of the spirit by which you are actuated, still I take it as a good proof of the feeling which animates you in the exertions you are making in this cause. We know there is no idolatry more powerful in the human heart than that of Mammon; and where that idol is set up, it is in vain to expect that the heart of stone will become a heart of flesh. Where, however, that idolatry is put away, we feel a sympathy for our fellow-men who are in darkness; and our money is employed for their good. For this reason I congratulate you on the enlarged means you possess for carrying on this work, by which such great things have been effected; and I come here with extreme satisfaction to show, at least, the participation which is taken by so humble an individual as myself, in a work so blessed as yours. These have long been my feelings, which are always strengthened in Meetings of this nature, when coming from the bustle, and toil, and nonsense of this world; I can unite with those who are carrying on the cause of Christianity throughout the world; and being called upon by my honoured and respected friend, I feel that I have a duty to discharge,—and so has every man who is qualified at all to estimate the motives and the value of this Society,—in bearing testimony in its behalf. I am aware, that while you are thus making most disinterested exertions for the benefit of mankind, you have drawn upon yourselves, perhaps, more than any other class of men engaged in the Missionary work a degree of odium which has given great pain to every one of right feelings to whatever denomination of Christians he may belong; and I feel it my duty to bear a testimony to the conduct of this Society, which your piety and humility will not allow you to bear for yourselves, though you know it to be true. I know of no set of men who have sought more the glory of their Creator, or who have endeavoured more to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ upon earth; or who are more zealous in maintaining the institutions of their country, whether they be religious or civil. I feel it an important duty to state this, as one feeble means which is in my power, to endeavour, by repeated exertions, to put down that ill-will which has so repeatedly manifested itself with respect to your Missions. And I feel it my duty to do so now at greater length than I intended, in consequence of a circumstance which has just been communicated to me; and to state my conviction with respect to this Society, that, where every thing is pure, moral, and religious, at home, it is impossible that its chosen servants abroad should allow themselves to be led from the cause of holiness to unholiness, and to lend themselves to that which is dishonest and impure. It is extravagant to suppose, that those good men should so falsify the whole tenour of their lives; and, after exposing themselves to every danger to which human nature is liable, yet be actuated by any other motives than such as are excited by the word of God. I consider it, Ladies and Gentlemen, an instance of God's mercy towards myself, that I should be led to what I hope I may call, a right understanding on these matters. For I well know how much such works as these you are now pursuing, for the benefit and comfort of mankind, may be, and too often are mis-estimated, by the prejudiced view which many take of them. I would, however, say, that if false and unbecoming motives are attributed to the generous exertions which you are making, you must be contented to bear the unmerited reproach; and I do not think you will shrink from the warfare for such a cause. But turning from these considerations, I shall beg to express the extreme satisfaction with which I have read the achievements of your Missionary Society through the past year: my friends having furnished me with your Notices, which I always gratefully receive, and attentively read. From the various information which they contain, there are two circumstances in particular which I think it right to notice occurring in two different countries,—I mean amongst the New-Zealanders, and on the East Coast of Africa. It is gratifying to see that mankind are often brought to acknowledge that the works of God, unlike these