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What will be the future of Methodism? Will its success and power go on increasing in the same ratio as during the last hundred years...

None of these things indicate a declension of Methodism: some of them prove its improvement. Never before were the doctrines of Methodism more clearly preached...

All the facts of the case evince that Methodism has not yet reached its meridian; and every where the great, the unbounded prospect, of indefinite advancement, lies before it.

In the present country, there are many signs that, to the thoughtful watcher, reveal the coming struggle in which the Wesleyan Body must sustain an important part. For years, the greatest Protestant University in the world has been scarcely other than a nursery for the Papal church.

But it is in the boundless domain of the American Republic that Methodism is cheered by the prospect of largest promise. Eighty-one years have scarcely rolled away since the first Wesleyan Missionary put his foot on the American Coast...

ment of bodily strength; this people must become rich and powerful beyond all example.

This destiny is ensured by the fact that this favoured land, with all the advantages of extent and soil, of climate and position, is in the hands of the race that, in an infinitely less favourable situation, has built up, by its indomitable toil and courage, the mightiest of existing empires.

Now, the future triumphs of Methodism will be better understood from these considerations; for they permit it in connection with other facts, to be said that in that Empire which is fated to be the greatest on the globe, Methodism is, of all ecclesiastical combinations, the most active, the most numerous, and the most successful.

ERASMUS.

Correspondence.

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St. John, N. B. Circuit.

MR. EDITOR.—At our last Quarterly Meeting, in answer to the question—"What means can be adopted to promote the work of God in this Circuit?"—it was decided that among other appliances, there should be held, at the time deemed in the judgment of the Superintendent, the most advisable, a series of meetings.

The time deemed the most favourable, was immediately on the termination of our Missionary Meetings, as we then expected the aid of Br. ALLISON, from the Woodstock Circuit, where the Lord has for the last year more than ordinarily blessed his labours...

Our Missionary Meetings, were never better attended, or more successful. There came to our assistance, in addition to our Missionary from Woodstock, the Brethren SMITHSON from Sheffield, and SUTCLIFFE from Milltown, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. MOORE, one of the presiding Elders in connexion with the Episcopal Methodist Church in the State of Maine.

Our first meeting was held on Monday the 13th ult. at Carleton. It was a memorable occasion, and the proceeds exceeded the efforts of the past year. On Tuesday we were at Germain St. Chapel in this Circuit. The Chapel was well filled, in the opinion of persons competent to judge, never before so well.

On Friday evening we commenced our projected Series of Meetings,—the brethren who

came to our assistance, with the exception of Mr. Allison, having left for their respective Circuits.—Meetings, twice on each day have been continued to the present.

The 19th ult. being the Sabbath, we had large attendance to hear the word of life, and prayer meetings followed the usual service of that Holy Day. By far, the greater part of the Congregation remained at the meeting for prayer. There was scarcely any sensible diminution of the numbers. A solemn feeling rested on the assembly.

"See how large a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace."

Yours, &c. R. D. KNIGHT.

St. John, N. B., February 3, 1851.

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Hopewell, N. B. Circuit.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—We are still being favoured with a time of special refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The gracious revival which began in our Watch-night meeting has been progressing gradually and powerfully ever since, and there appears no abatement yet.

It is acknowledged by the aged that there has never been such a general and powerful awakening among the people since the first settlement of this beautiful country. There is no great excitement, no confusion, and no noise, save the sobs and suppressed sighs of broken hearts.

There is one man who has been an avowed Deist for many years, who has cast aside his false notions and been justified through faith in Christ, and is now happy in the love of God.—We may truly say, the wilderness and solitary place are made glad, and the moral desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose.

WILLIAM ALLEN.

Hopewell, N. B., Feb'y 1, 1851.

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Truro Circuit.

MR. EDITOR,—I have been much gratified, of late, in reading through your excellent periodical, so many cheering accounts of Missionary Meetings; and most with their encouraging results. These results, I think, afford sufficient evidence to convince any one, that our Church never possessed in a greater measure, the missionary spirit; and her generous heart never pulsated with warmer and stronger emotions for the salvation of the millions of the world's population, who are "sitting in the region and shadow of death."

Methodism is but of recent origin and culture in Truro; and it has been deemed impracticable on this account, (whether proper or otherwise I will not venture an opinion here,) fully to call into requisition all her multitudinous "ways and means" for doing good. One of these—and one

by which we do good on the largest possible scale—is, to bring before the minds of our congregations and people, the obligations that rest upon them as christians and as lovers of the race, to contribute of their substance, as well as unite their prayers, to support the Missionary enterprise—it being the grand agent, and the only one that God ever has, or, we believe, ever will employ to draw our revolted world from its allegiance to "The Prince of darkness" and place its redeemed millions in loving submission to "The blessed and only Potentate."

Some twelve or fifteen years ago, meetings in behalf of the Wesleyan Missions were held in the village; and latterly it has been deemed advisable by our friends here to resume them, impelled, as they have felt themselves to be, by a sense of duty to God and to a perishing world.

On Sunday the 5th January, the Rev. E. EVANS, the esteemed Chairman of the District,—who had on the day previous, kindly come from Halifax to our help—preached two eloquent, efficient, and highly useful discourses, bearing on the world's universal enlightenment and subjection to Messiah's reign. On Monday the 6th the Missionary Meeting took place, after singing and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Evans, Adams G. Archibald Esq., Barrister at Law, took the Chair. Mr. A. in a very pleasing address to the meeting, highly eulogised the widespread operations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society—a report of which had previously been placed in his hands.

After the Chair was taken, the writer addressed the meeting, and was followed by Messrs. Hiram Hyde, and Joseph Crowe who manifested a lively interest in the cause, and whose donations were fully in keeping with the liberal views they expressed. Next came the Rev. Mr. Evans, whose designation was to urge the duty of liberally contributing to the funds, as preparatory to the collection and subscription list. It would be out of place to attempt a description of his excellent speech; suffice it to say, that this, in connection with his visit to Truro on this occasion, will not only be gratefully remembered by our people, but will, I trust give a new impetus to the cause. The collections and subscriptions amounted to the handsome sum of £23. Great praise is due to the friends at Truro for this noble augmentation of the mission funds. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the meeting, and the singing of the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced, and the congregation retired to their homes, pleased with and edified by the services of the evening.

Yours, &c.

Truro, Feb. 4, 1851. G. W. TUTTLE.

For the Wesleyan.

Maitland Circuit.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER.—It has pleased our blessed Lord to bestow upon us the manifestations of His loving kindness in the revival of His Work on this Circuit.

During last Autumn it was quite perceptible to our friends, that there was a religious awakening among our congregations at Nine Mile River. This opinion was further confirmed on conversation with the people during the pastoral visits from house to house. At the suggestion of a few of our leading friends, some special services were held in the latter part of December, which led to the conversion of some souls, to the awakening of others, and especially upon the Church there was poured out a richer Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We likewise attempted to hold a series of meetings at Upper Rawdon, but the severity of the weather, combined with the badness of the travelling, rather hindered. However at the Watch-night service, the attendance was large, and a gracious influence from above rested upon the congregation. On New-year's day, the members of Society from the surrounding neighbourhood for a distance of six or eight miles, assembled to renew their covenant and partake of the Lord's Supper—it was a season of divine blessing never to be forgotten—

"The Covenant we this moment make Be ever kept in mind."

We will no more our God forsake, Or cast His words behind."

A short time since a series of meetings was held at a settlement about three miles below the Tenny Cape River, south side of Colchester Bay. A divine influence was poured out upon the neighbourhood in answer to prayer—a general enquiry prevailed amongst the people on the subject of religion—some penitents were brought into the liberty of the Gospel, and others, who hold a standing among us, obtained more of the "hidden life" than they had previously enjoyed.

In the above meetings prompt and efficient assistance was rendered by our praying men, and especially by two of our local preachers, the Messrs. Bond. Yours, &c.

W. MCCARTY.

Maitland, Feb'y. 6th, 1851.