

MELBOURNE.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. T. W. Constable, dated Melbourne, C. E. August 1855.

The want of ministerial labor here in times past is painfully apparent; *first*, from the manner in which errors in doctrine have overspread the country; and *secondly*, from the earnest request of the people for our services. We are exceedingly perplexed sometimes to know how to divide our labors in such a manner as to meet the demands upon us: request after request is made till it would seem that there is no end to the places wanting Sabbath services. Last year there was one minister here; this year there are two of us; and we shall soon want four. It only requires an outpouring of the Spirit to give the necessary tone to christian liberality, and thus furnish the means of ministerial support. Of labor there is already an abundance; openings are numerous; and fields white unto the harvest, invite our entrance. Lo the promise of a shower drops already from above in the quickening of believers,

the return of backsliders, and awakening of religious feeling. Our Quarterly Meeting held last Sabbath was a season of great power. A few have connected themselves with us since Conference. In one place £150 has been subscribed to finish a church that has stood with the walls up, and roof on, but utterly unfit for regular use, about 15 years, in a region where Universalism and Millerism have held a wide domain; but the tide is turned, human souls require something more rational and spiritual, and many are asking for the old paths. Surrounded as we are with these and kindred errors, and an insufficient ministerial staff to meet them, and occupy important posts, I have never felt more of responsibility, and less of self, nor more of dependence on divine aid and confidence in the saving truths of the Gospel.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was held in the Wesleyan Church, Elm street, Toronto, on the evening of October 16th; the attendance good. Several valued ministers—the Co-Delegate, Chairman of the London District, and the Chairman of Montreal District, though intending to be present, were unavoidably absent, to the regret of the Meeting. Besides the ministers who moved or seconded resolutions, there were on the platform the Rev. Dr. Green, Rev. William McCullough, Chairman of the Brantford District, Rev. G. R. Sanderson, General Book Steward, Rev. Lachlin Taylor, Agent of the Bible Society, Rev. Peter Ker, and other ministers.

The Rev. Richard Jones, Chairman of the Toronto District, presided, and commenced the discharge of his duties with an appropriate and admirable address. The Rev. Enoch Wood, President of the Conference, as General Superintendent of Missions, read an abstract of the Annual Report, which was heard with marked approbation. The first resolution, for the adoption of the Report, was proposed by the Rev. John Douse, Chairman of the Barrie District, in an impressive speech, replete with practical considerations; and was very briefly seconded by the Rev. James Spencer, Editor of the Christian Guardian. The second was moved by the Rev. Samuel D. Rice, Governor of Victoria College, and its leading topic of gratitude to the Divine Being, was very clearly and ably exhibited; and his resolution was seconded by the Rev. Henry Lanton, of Prescott, in a few very acceptable remarks. The Rev. John Gemley merely moved the third resolution, on the present claims