

METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

JANUARY, 1876.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CANADA.

THIS important gathering, representing the entire missionary constituency of the Methodist Church of Canada, was convened this year in the beautiful town of Cobourg. The anniversary sermons of the Missionary Society were preached on Sunday, October 10th, in the morning by the Rev. Dr. Stewart, Principal of the Sackville Theological College, who took for his text Col. i. 27, 28: "The riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." The evening sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, President of the General Conference, from Luke ii. 32: "A light to lighten the Gentiles." Both the discourses of the day were well suited to the occasion; the divinity of the Saviour, and the efficacy of His atonement, being the burden of the message alike in the morning and in the evening. Large audiences were in attendance in our commodious Cobourg Church, evincing an unusual interest on the part of the public in the anniversary services that day begun.

The annual meeting of the General Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held on Tuesday evening, when a very large audience was convened. Rev. Dr. WOOD, Senior Missionary Secretary, announced the 446th hymn, after the singing of which the Rev. JAMES ELLIOTT, President of the Montreal Conference, led in prayer. Dr. RYERSON then explained the causes which had detained ex-Governor Wilmot, of New Brunswick, from attendance at the Board; and announced that the Committee had nominated James B. Morrow, Esq., of Halifax, Chairman in his stead. Mr. Morrow is son-in-law of Rev. Dr. Richey, the first Principal of Upper Canada Academy, now Victoria College, and universally known as, in his time, one of the most influential representatives of British Methodism in what is now the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. MORROW on coming forward was heartily cheered. After expressing his regret at the absence of Judge Wilmot, the Chairman made some pleasant personal references to his presumable connection with the town of Cobourg, and his pleasure in visiting a place of which he had been in the habit of hearing favourably by his own fireside for the last twenty years. He rejoiced in the associations by which they were surrounded, and the privileges of