

that the nightingale, the whitethroat, and many others, should migrate during the winter to a warmer climate, where they can be in little danger of perishing by famine.

The Moss Rose.

There is a pretty German fable of the origin of the moss-rose. It has thus been rendered by a poet of genuine feeling—

"The angel of the flowers, one day, Beneath a rose-tree sleeping lay— That spirit, to whose charge is given To bid young buds in dews from heaven;

Obituary Notices.

For the Wesleyan.

Died—at Guysborough, on the 6th inst., of lingering consumption—LUCY MARIA PERRETTE, in the 86th year of her age; third daughter of the late Michael Perrette Esq., of Halifax N.S.

The deceased had been one among many young persons who, under the ministry of the Rev. Matthew Cranwick on the Guysborough Circuit, was awakened to a sense of her sinful and undone condition by nature, had passed through a state of evangelical penitence, and set out in wisdom's ways.

Her soul passed into the eternal world while a few Christian friends were round her bed, invoking the Lord, if it pleased him, "to cut short his work, release her from her sufferings, and take her to himself."

Died—at Little Harbour, (Shelburne), 4th May,—JEREMIAH, son of Michael and Maria Decker, in his 14th year. Jeremiah had been connected with the Sabbath-School in that place since its establishment, from which he no doubt received those impressions which ripened to maturity as the end of his short life drew nigh.

THE WESLEYAN.

Halifax, Saturday Morning, June 21, 1851.

DAY OF HUMILIATION.

We take this early opportunity of reminding our Brethren, that, by the Resolution of the late

District Meeting, the Second Friday in July next, is appointed as a day of FASTING AND PRAYER throughout our bounds, with reference to the coming harvest, and to the revival of the work of God.

NOVA SCOTIA DISTRICT.

We expect to be able shortly to publish various Resolutions which were passed at the District Meeting recently held at Newport, bearing on the general interests of our work. Meanwhile we may state, that the religious services connected with this Annual Session were largely attended, and eminently marked with the gracious presence of the Head of the Church.

The communication of the Rev. R. COONEY, which appears below, will be read with much interest by our friends. The accounts from CANADA EAST and NEWFOUNDLAND are likewise cheering. The progress of Methodism in British North America is matter for devout thanksgiving to the Author of all good; and whilst we greatly rejoice over past success, affording as it does unquestionable evidence of the favour and protection of God, we heartily pray that the present ecclesiastical year may be still more signally marked by copious effusions of the Holy Spirit on the inheritance of the Lord, and that a wide and effectual door may be opened on every hand for the publication of the glad tidings of salvation to a ruined world.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

DEAR BROTHER,—Our District Meeting has just closed its sittings. The business engrossed a little more time than usual, owing chiefly to extraneous matters, and the difficulty is disposing to the most advantage of our available forces.—The Lord has kindly spared me to be present at thirteen District Meetings, and at each of these I have witnessed his presence, and felt good to be among his ministers. There are many things, as you know, in our ecclesiastical polity calculated to produce anxiety—the frequent changes of position arising out of the itinerancy—the rigid administration of our fiscal economy—the privations and toils inseparable from our office and work—all these being subjects of grave discussion and searching investigation at our District Meetings, they furnish us with so many opportunities of illustrating the grace wherein we stand, and evincing our willingness to endure hardness as good soldiers of Christ, and to labour on, endeavouring to—

"Fill the earth with golden fruit, With ripe, millennial love."

The proprietor of one of our city papers having requested an account of the Ordination performed in the Centenary Chapel, on Monday evening the 2d inst., I was directed to furnish it, and, as that account supplies all the particulars, nothing further is necessary than to request you to oblige us by inserting it in THE WESLEYAN.

The District Love Feast, as it is called, was held in the Germain Street Chapel. Never perhaps was the celebration of this peculiar ordinance attended with more of the presence and power of God. It was indeed a time of refreshing, from the presence of the Lord. Not less, I think, than eight hundred persons, including the Ministers, were present. The Tabernacle of God was with men; it seemed as if "the voice" that once spoke from between "the Cherubim" again uttered the language of preference, "This is my rest for ever, and here will I dwell, for I have chosen it." We all felt that God was in our midst—that the house in which we were assembled, was "The house of God and the gate of Heaven." One young man, the son of Brother Collins, one of our Local Preachers, appeared to have his cup running over, his earthen vessel could hold no more. The sacred awe experienced by the fugitive Patriarch at Luz—the emotions of the Prophet when he heard "The cherubim" singing their antiphon—and the rapture of the Apostles when they saw the glory of Thabor—all these Divine sensations, modified

and chastened, seemed to fall upon the whole assembly, and inspire every heart with the devout recognition—

"Lo! God is here! let us adore, And own how dreadful is this place! Let all within us feel his power, And silent bow before his face."

Our District Meeting was a very happy one; the brethren generally had been very successful during the year; most of the Circuits, in a greater or less degree, had received a baptism of the spirit, and under this influence, many precious souls were added to the Church. This filled the hearts of the preachers with joy and gladness, and enabled each one to come up to "the Feast," bearing his sheaves with him. Our sittings and services occupied eight days, and formed a real octave of the Church, the gracious results of which, we have no doubt, will be felt during the ensuing year.

It will gratify you to know that the ordinary income of the various Circuits has been materially improved. We brought to the District, from SAINT JOHN SOUTH, a surplus of £37— and we hope that God will increase it this year. The Missionary money collected throughout the District amounts to £648 3 2 Last year, 599 7 1 Increase, 448 16 1

We also had a Tea-Meeting for Trustee purposes—this likewise was productive; and, as I wish to carry out our principles in every thing, I took tea upon the itinerant plan, and at the same time did all I could to extend "our friendly relations with China." The Chairman presided, ex-officio, and, for the first time, I had the privilege of hearing very good addresses, without being under any apprehensions of having to speak myself. The whole was conducted in a very unexceptionable manner; but still I think Christianity should not be obliged to resort to such expedients in order to sustain her institutions.

I cannot say positively what our actual membership is in this District, but I believe it is about 4,800, or thereabouts: making an increase during the year of several hundreds.

Three young men were recommended to the Conference to be taken out on trial as missionaries. They passed through their examination with great credit, and it is to be hoped that they will be called into the work. We are in great need of ministerial help: numerous doors are open, but we are not able to enter; we look round us, and on every side we see "the fallow ground" stretching to the utmost bounds of the horizon, but we have not the means of breaking it up. The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few, may the Lord send forth more labourers into his harvest, and then—

"The gospel seed shall greatly grow, And all our land o'erspread"

Your's sincerely,

R. COONEY.

St. John N. B., June 9, 1851.

Stations of the Wesleyan Ministers, N. B. District, 1851...55.

- Saint John South, Richard Knight, Robert Cooney A. M.
St. John North, William Smith 2d.
St. John West, William T. Cardy; one to be sent.
Fredericton, Henry Daniel.
Nashuaak, One wanted.
Sheffield &c., William Smithson.
Mill-Town, Ingham Sutcliffe.
St. Stephen's & St. David's, Geo. M. Barratt.
St. Andrew's, William Temple.
Sackville, James G. Hennigar.
Point de Bute, George Johnston.
Peticodiac, William Allen 2d.
Hopewell, Robert A. Chesley.
Sussex Vale, Joseph F. Bent.
Woodstock & Andover, John Allison; one to be sent.
Annapolis, Michael Fickles.
Bridge-Town, Arthur McNutt.
Aylesford, Richard Shepherd.
Digby & Sissiboo, James Taylor 2d.
Miramichi, Christopher Lockhart.
Richibucto, R. Alder Temple.
Bathurst, John Prince.
Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, Westmoreland, Humphrey Pickard A. M., Principal; Albert Dearbrisy, Supernumerary, Chaplain.
Richard Knight Chairman of the District and General Superintendent.

N. B.—We suppose that George Miller retires as a Supernumerary.

(From the Montreal Witness.)

Annual District Meeting of the Wesleyan Ministers, Canada East.

This body of Christian Ministers commenced their annual session in this city on Wednesday, the 21st of May, in the vestry of Great St. James Street Church. All the brethren were present, and the Rev. Wm. Squire occupied his assigned position as Chairman of the District. It is customary at this meeting to review the state of the whole work in the District, and this duty having again been performed, the encouraging spiritual condition of the societies called forth lively gratitude to the great Head of the Church. In Montreal, there has been a gracious revival of religion; but in some of the rural portions of the District, the work of God is in what may be called a stationary position. There are great difficulties to contend with, and much to mourn over as concerning lukewarmness and worldly speculation.

In the Canada Eastern District, there are 18 Principal Stations, and 21 Ministers; 40 Chapels, and 147 other preaching places; 60 Sabbath Schools, 2847 scholars, and 422 Teachers. Of full and accredited church members, there are 3739, and 251 on trial, with about 20,000 attendants on public worship, including the members and scholars.

During the sittings of the District the Sabbath question came up for consideration, and it was resolved to petition the Legislature, fully concurring with the views of the Sabbath Committee of Montreal, and agreeing to render suitable aid in carrying out the wishes of that Committee. Subsequently the petition was prepared, and having been signed by all the Wesleyan Ministers, was forwarded to Toronto. The amendment of the School Act of Lower Canada, was also considered, and an agreement entered into to co-operate with the Protestant committee as far as practicable.

The meeting throughout was one of great harmony, and the ministers have resolved to appoint the 27th day of June next, as a day for special prayer and fasting. "And the brethren, renewing their act of dedication to God and his Church, determine to return to their respective spheres of labour, to employ more assiduously their means, and to look more believingly for that Spirit, which shall secure to them that success they so earnestly desire."

The Session closed on Wednesday evening the 28th, and the following is the list of Stations of the ministers, for the ensuing year—

STATIONS OF WESLEYAN MINISTERS—CANADA EAST DISTRICT.

- Montreal East,—John Jenkins, Charles Lavel.
West,—Wm. Squire, Chairman.
Quebec,—Charles DeWolfe, A. M. One to be sent.
Three Rivers,—Thomas Campbell.
Rawdon and Westleyville,—Henry Cox.
St. John's,—George H. Davis.
Chamby,—John Douglas.
Huntingdon,—James Brock.
Russelltown,—Hugh Montgomery.
Odelltown and Hemmingford,—John C. Davidson.
Clarenceville,—Henry Lanton.
St. Armand,—Edward S. Ingalls.
Durham,—John Borland.
Stafford,—Rufus A. Flanders.
Stanstead,—John Tompkins.
Compton,—Malcolm McDonald.
Sherbrooke and Eaton,—B. Slight, A. M., John Armstrong.
Melbourne,—William Scott.
Leeds,—Gifford Darcy.

[We miss the name of Charles Churchill from the Canada East District. We suppose he will receive an appointment in the Canada West Conference, or in one of the Districts of the Lower Provinces. We should be glad to see him in Nova Scotia.—Ed. Wes.]

Wesleyan Missions.—Newfoundland.

According to announcement in our Journal on Saturday, the 24th inst., the Annual Missionary Services of the St. John's Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society commenced on Sunday last, when sermons were preached in the Wesleyan Chapel by the Revs. Messrs. Brewster, Wells, and England, in behalf of the Foreign Missions under the Superintendence of the Parent Society; and on Tuesday Evening the Annual Missionary Meeting was held, when Thomas B. Job, Esq., the hon. member for Trinity, presided. On the platform we observed the Revs. Messrs. Martin, Muir, and Schoenfeld, and several lay gentlemen, and most of the Wesleyan Ministers of this district. An abstract of the Report of the Parent Society's missions was read by the Rev. E. Brettell, showing in the fullest and most condensed view their operations throughout the world. Among the many interesting facts stated by the Rev. gentleman who addressed the meeting, we noticed the merciful preservation of the Society's missions from injury during the recent war between the Caffre tribes of South Africa and the British Colonial Government. The most alarming fears had existed in the minds of