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Correspondence.

Mr. Editor,—I take the liberty to request a little space in the columns of your widely circulated and ably conducted paper, for a little information upon several subjects on which I have been intending to write for some time past; and you will excuse me if I am sure for wandering so far from home as the Aylesford Circuit.

In this extensive and promising Circuit, I spent for the most part three happy, though laborious weeks. During these years we had gracious revivals of religion in several places;—the most extensive took place in the winter and spring of fifty-four. This revival spread through nearly the whole of Wilton, and a large portion of Aylesford, and was largely participated in by both the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

Further particulars are impossible at present. You will kindly insert a line to inform our friends of this sad event, and commend to their prayers his bereaved Society? Our loss is his infinite gain, we know—but what a loss!

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Obituary Notice.

Died at Sandy Point, near Shelburne, after an illness of six weeks, in the 60th year of his age, Mr. AUGUSTUS VERNON. He had been completing for some time the manuscript of a history of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, which he had intended to publish in the month of May next.

Shelburne, 1st May, 1856.

Provincial Wesleyan

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1856.

Death of the Rev. Dr. Beecham.

THE tokens of mourning which so significantly line the columns of this sheet are the suitable but inadequate expression of that profound sensation of grief which the Wesleyan Connection of Eastern British America can not fail to experience on receiving the announcement to which with sorrowing hearts we now give utterance.—The Rev. DR. BEECHAM—the President of the Eastern American Conference—is no more.

Our victories and our undiminished resources are their own reward. The defeat of the Czars and the dispersion of their hosts had broadened over Europe the losses of Russia. Even though no concession had been wrung from the enemy, even though Sebastopol and Bomarsund were again to bristle with guns and shelter squadrons beneath their batteries, Russia would not be what she was.

the power of Divine grace. He uttered no murmur at being laid aside. He calmly acquiesced in the will of God; and was as a servant waiting for the coming of his Lord. His family and friends rejoiced in his wisdom and undiminished demonstrations of peace, have given to Russia better terms than she had reason to expect, we cannot believe that this war has been made in vain.

You will sympathize with the bereaved family of our departed friend, and with the Missionary Society. Your prayers will be offered, that the solemn event may be sanctified to the spiritual benefit of all who knew him; and that God may continue to guide and bless the Society from which He has been pleased to resume a gift of such great worth.

The funeral is to take place on Monday the 28th instant. The President and Rev. Dr. Hunting, and the officers of the Society, will assemble at the house, 19, St. George's, Villas, Islington, at ten o'clock in the morning. The Ministers resident in and near London, and other friends, are invited to attend at the funeral, which will be held at Islington Chapel, Liverpool-Road, at eleven o'clock, when the service will be read; an Address, also, will be delivered on the occasion by the Rev. John Scott.

Close of the War.

Many a heart will be lifted in fervent thanksgivings to God that the clamour and calamities of War have been so speedily succeeded by the calm of Peace; and we, as religious journalists, should waive unwarrantably an estimable privilege, and leave an imperative duty undischarged, did we not through these columns proclaim our grateful recognition of the hand of the Most High in this dispensation of His mercy.

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Convocation and Methodism.

It might seem discourteous if we did not at least briefly notice yesterday's first meeting of Convocation, and the debate in the Upper House on the union of Methodism with the Established Church; or rather on the proposed terms of union, as it is called.

From the Times we make the following extract:—

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While, therefore, we regret that the weight of the case was on our Allies, and their unwise and undignified demonstrations in favour of peace, have given to Russia better terms than she had reason to expect, we cannot believe that this war has been made in vain.

Dissensions in the Romish Church in Ireland.

Dr. Cullen the Papal legate in Ireland, takes exception to certain articles which have lately appeared in the Tablet and Nation. One of these is signed "Ossoriana;" and the other presents a sketch of a Sunday oration recently delivered by "Archdeacon Fitzgerald," in the town of Rathkeale, in the county of Limerick.

Maynooth.

The following extract recounting the recent success achieved by the advocates of the immediate disendowment of Maynooth encourages the expectation that their perseverance will speedily attain its reward in the withdrawal of the endowment.—

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Text of the Treaty.

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Income of the Wesleyan Missionary Society for 1855.

We are rejoiced to be able to state that the year has been the most prosperous in the Society's history. The total income from all sources is upwards of ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN THOUSAND POUNDS. And this result, so gratifying in itself, is yet more gratifying when it is known to arise not from any large single donations or legacies, but from a steady improvement in the stated and habitual sources of income, both home and foreign; and particularly from the increase of contributions from Foreign Auxiliaries.

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