



REPORT
OF THE
TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
WESLEYAN METHODIST
AUXILIARY MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
FOR THE
CITY OF QUEBEC;
AS DELIVERED
BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING,
SEPT. 24, 1838:
WITH A LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS,
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING,
HELD IN THE
WESLEYAN CHAPEL, IN ST. ANNE'S STREET,
SEPTEMBER 24, 1838.

THE CHAIR was taken by JOHN FRASER, Esquire, Chief Commissioner of the Lower Canada Land Company.

Resolution I.—Moved by Mr. LANGLOIS.
Seconded by Rev. J. RAINE.

That the Report now read be received and printed: and that this Meeting offers its thanks to those friends who either as Collectors or Subscribers have aided the funds of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, during the past year,—and affectionately acknowledges the Missionary Institutions of all other Christian Denominations as valuable co-adjutors in the Blessed Work of Evangelizing the World.

Resolution II.—Moved by Rev. JOHN BORLAND.
Seconded by Revd. W. M. HARVARD.

That this Meeting devoutly acknowledges "the good hand of our God," in the encouraging aspects of the Missionary Work in general; both in its domestic and foreign departments; and engages to pray more frequently and fervently for the increase of the influences of the Holy Spirit on the same.

Resolution III.—Moved by the Revd. ROBT. L. LUSHER.
Seconded by JOHN McLEOD, Esq.

That the thanks of the Meeting be presented to the Treasurer, Secretary, Committee, and Collectors, for their past services; and that they be requested to continue the same, during the year ensuing.

Resolution IV.—Moved by Revd. JOHN RAINE.

Seconded by JOHN FISHER, Esq.

That the moral and religious state of the myriads of mankind—and especially of such of them as are still living in the ignorance, wickedness, cruelty, suffering, and peril, of Heathenism, is such as to present a most affecting appeal to the attention and commiseration of all Christian people.

Resolution V.—Moved by the Revd. ROBT. L. LUSHER.

Seconded by the Revd. W. M. HARVARD.

Supported by Mr. GEO. HENDERSON.

That the respectful thanks of the Meeting be presented to JOHN FRASER, Esq. for the efficient assistance he has kindly given to the business of the evening.

TREASURER, Mr. JAMES LOGIE.

SECRETARIES, { REVD. W. M. HARVARD, AND
MR. JOSEPH FOX.

Members of Committee.

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*** Subscriptions and Donations, in aid of the objects of this Society, will be thankfully received, by either of the above, as well as by the several Collectors of the Auxiliary.

REPORT.

ALTHOUGH "Success is neither the ground nor the measure of Christian duty;" either in reference to the work of Missions, or any other point of Scriptural obligation; yet, when that success is obtained in the use of means which the Divine Being has himself appointed, it cannot but be hailed as an animating indication of the sanction and blessing of God. And the field of exertion becomes naturally so much the more inviting to us when attended by so gratifying an indication, that our future labour "*shall not be in vain to the Lord.*"

It is under such circumstances, that the Committee of the Quebec Wesleyan Missionary Auxiliary have, on this occasion, again to meet the friends of their Sacred Cause. Their single object has been to afford an humble aid in the more universal furtherance of the Kingdom of Christ upon earth, through the instrumentality of the BRITISH GENERAL WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY. And, from the prosperous results which continue to arise, by Divine grace, from the Missionary Agency of the Parent Committee in London, as well as from the encouragement afforded to their Quebec Auxiliary, the Committee feel that it truly belongs to them and their respected associates, to derive renewed and augmented motives of perseverance in duty, and to be "*stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.*"

The Committee are thankful to observe that, both at home and in the numerous Colonial Possessions of our United Empire, the holy and magnificent objects of the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society, become increasingly well understood and appreciated, and in consequence, its funds are most liberally supported. One irrefragable evidence of this is found in the pleasing fact that the ordinary Income of the Society, received by the General Treasurer in London during the year ending in May last, was £73,875 Sterling; which presented the most gratifying increase of nearly £600 upon the Contributions of the preceding year.

To obtain support in this Province towards the widely extending operations of the above Institution, was the impelling motive of those who first formed the Quebec Auxiliary Society; and which since its commencement, about twenty years ago, has been instrumental in raising for that purpose, more than Two Thousand

Pounds Currency. Some of the original contributors to this Auxiliary, have subsequently and peacefully passed into that eventful world, where the approving plaudit of the REDEEMER awaits all who are faithful to the temporary responsibilities of their stewardship here below. Others of them still remain, to enlist with themselves in this lofty enterprise of evangelical benevolence, their more junior associates in the Christian Faith. With undiminished ardour, they yet render their long continued services to the Good Cause; affording to it the substantial benefit of their present advocacy and assistance; and intending to bequeath to its friends that practical assurance of their undying conviction of its importance, and their eternal attachment to its interests.

In noticing the Receipts of their own Auxiliary, from the time of the last Anniversary held in this place, they greatly regret that the amount now reported is £13 10s. 5½d. below the annual sum then in hand, notwithstanding the acceptable donation of Twenty Pounds from the Treasurer of the Ladies' Wesleyan Bazaar. Yet in connexion with the afflictive character of some of the public events, which, since that period, have seriously and injuriously affected the Colony, the Committee are rather consoled with the circumstance that the falling off in the income, this year, has not been still more considerable, than discouraged on account of that degree of its diminution which unhappily has actually occurred.

Sensible they are, that the loss to their funds must unavoidably have been much more seriously felt by their worthy Treasurer, but for the zealous and well-recompensed exertions of those ladies and gentlemen, who have rendered their self-denying services as Collectors, during the past year; and to which invaluable class of friends the Committee do not doubt the Meeting will cheerfully award the merited tribute of its cordial thanks.

It would afford the Committee a pleasure, which they are extremely unwilling to forego, could they include in their Report, however brief a detail of the Missionary proceedings of the Parent Society. But their greatly restricted space compels their adoption of a mere outline of the extensive field in which their devoted labourers are so honourably and efficiently employed in advancing the Conversion of the World. At the same time, for more ample and highly satisfactory particulars, they beg to refer to the Annual Reports, and other Publications of that Society, which, on an exceedingly limited scale, are in circulation in the Colony.

THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY employs a part of its resources in *Ireland*; in which important portion of the United Kingdom its Schools are continued with unabated diligence, and with an encouraging promise of successful results, under the care-

ful and judicious oversight of the Rev. Walter O. Croggan ; who has been appointed to the Superintendence of Irish Missions and Schools. The Missionaries often preach in the Native Irish language,—and include in their range of labour, some hundreds of villages which could not be supplied by a more stated ministry.

In *Sweden, Germany, France, Spain*, and at *Malta*, are Missionary labourers, who preach, in some places, in the native languages, and at others, in English. By their agency, Schools are efficiently superintended, and, through the influence of the Holy Spirit, “*the truth as it is in Jesus,*” is so disseminated, as to become “*the power of God unto salvation,*” to many who truly sit “*in darkness and in the region of the shadow of death.*”

Continental India, and the interesting *Island of Ceylon*, have the advantage of the valuable services of more than Forty of the Society’s Missionaries,—of whom nearly half have been raised up in the Country, and form an animating part of those first-fruits of usefulness, with which the Lord of the harvest has been pleased to crown the earlier labours of the Society in that immensely populous region of the earth. To these beloved native brethren, we may also add about One Hundred and Fifty other natives, who act as masters and mistresses in the Missionary Day Schools on the several Stations.

Ten Missionaries and One Hundred and Twenty gratuitous teachers are labouring at the Stations in *New South Wales* and *Van Dieman’s Land* ; one of whom has been specially useful at *Port Arthur*, a Penal Settlement so named in honor of the present excellent Governor of Upper Canada. A Catechist has been appointed by the Government to this interesting establishment, who is instructed to act under the direction of the Missionaries stationed at *Port Arthur*.

The Society has had a satisfactory commencement of their Mission to the *Aborigines of Australia*, among which most degraded members of the human family, Two Stations have been formed and Three Missionaries employed ; and in *New Zealand* they have Four Missionaries and Sixteen Assistants, besides Teachers in the Schools.

The wonderful openings of usefulness in the Islands of the *South Seas*, continue to gladden the labourers of our Society.—In the course of a few years, many thousands of the people, and also some of their Sovereigns and subordinate Chiefs, have joined our Communion, and have become the most undoubted Christians ; though formerly enslaved to the most degrading superstitions and the most revolting customs. May the Gospel soon subdue all their savage warriors, and make them, in very deed, as well as in name, *Friendly Islanders*. Our Thirteen European Mis-

sionaries among these islands, are at the head of a most unprecedented band of powerful auxiliaries raised up on the spot, and consisting of Four Hundred and Forty native Exhorters and Catechists, and 1037 native School Teachers. Of this delightful state of things we can but exclaim, "*This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.*"

In *South Africa*, our brethren pursue their Missionary operations among the *Dutch* and *British* Settlers, the *Great and Little Namacquas*, the various tribes of *Kaffers*, the *Bechuanas*, the *Griquas*, the *Corannas*, and the *Mantatees*. The European labourers are 28 in number, with several Assistants and Teachers.

The regions of *Western Africa*, have about Thirteen Missionaries and about Thirty salaried teachers and gratuitous instructors; who are employed at *Sierra Leone*, *St. Mary's* on the *River Gambia*, and at *Cape Coast*.—From the last mentioned station, the Missionary writes that he has a communication with the Capital of *Ashantee*; and gives his opinion that, by this means, the Gospel will ere long find its way into the very heart of long injured AFRICA.

In the *West Indies*, more than Eighty of our Missionaries are employed. For more than two-thirds of a Century they have been a blessing to the whole Archipelago; and now have abundantly to rejoice in the happiness of Thousands of the once enslaved, and now converted and enfranchised, children of Ham.

The Printing Establishments, connected with the Methodist Missions in Ceylon, South Africa, the Friendly Islands, and New Zealand, continue to render their powerful aid in the diffusion of Divine Truth. Translations of the Holy Scriptures in the vernacular tongues of some of the Stations are steadily proceeding,—together with the preparation of Grammars, Dictionaries, and other elementary publications, in languages and dialects, which, in several instances, have never before been reduced to writing. Other valuable religious and useful works are, in the same way, placed in the hands of the people, by means of the Missionary presses: the combined interests of piety and learning are thereby advanced: and in more than Twenty varieties, both by printing and preaching, multitudes who are emerging from Pagan Darkness, do learn, from our Missionaries, in their "*own tongues, the wonderful works of God.*"

The Provinces of *British North America*, have long been recognized as estimable branches of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Family. The Society's Missionaries still have their Stations in the islands of *Newfoundland*, *Cape Breton*, and *Prince Edward*. Also, in *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, our own Province

of *Lower Canada*, and among the Aboriginal Indian Tribes of *Upper Canada*.

To the latter, your Committee feel it to be, this year, their imperative duty to make a very special allusion. Operating among a noble race of our fellow-men, who were literally and notoriously "*perishing*," and melting away, "*for lack of*" the principles connected with Christian "*knowledge*;" our Wesleyan Methodist Missions in the Upper Province, have been the instruments, in the hands of God, of arresting the progress of intoxication and its attendant vices—of diminishing the ratio of Indian deaths—of promoting industry and attention to habits of civilization—and of bringing some hundreds of these sons of the forest, "*into the glorious liberty of the children of God*."

Called, as they occasionally are, for mercantile purposes, to visit the neighbourhood of some of the Indian Settlements in the Upper Province, the inhabitants of Lower Canada have thus the opportunity of beholding for themselves the character of these Christian enclosures from the moral wilderness: and your Committee are, on that account, the more ready to report respecting them, before a Constituency so well qualified to judge, as to the correctness of their statements. They speak on the authority of some of their own number, when they say that a personal and particular inspection of these results of Missionary zeal, will be abundantly in their favour. Our friends who have thus had intercourse with the Methodist Indians, have indeed "*magnified God*," on their behalf. Their meetings for religious worship, and for Christian Communion—their order, devotion, and spirituality, on such occasions—the happy countenances of their once neglected children, and cruelly-treated women—their well-conducted schools—their cultivated gardens and fields—their neat residences, and other displays of industrious and talented handicraft—their respectable and modest attire—their holy living, and their happy dying:—these are among the delightful proofs of undeniable discipleship, which some of our own number have witnessed among them.

In relation to the Gospel temperance-principle, on which the Methodist-Indians, in general, have been enabled to abandon their former inveterate habits of drunkenness, your Committee bear a cheerful testimony to the statements of the Reverend ELDER CASE, lately published respecting the particular settlement of *Aldersville*.* That justly-venerated father of our esteemed Methodist Church in Upper Canada, has laboured long and laudably

* See Toronto *Christian Guardian*, September 19, 1838.



for the good of the people of the Sister Province; and his "praise is in the Gospel, throughout all the Churches." The well-chosen words of Mr. Case, are, "The great body of the people never drink. They appear to have conquered their grand enemy; AND STANDING IN THE STRENGTH OF DIVINE FAITH, THEY TREAD THE FOE BENEATH THEIR FEET!"

At any time, it would have been fully in place to dwell on the sublimely-interesting character of those Christian Institutions; which are their own most eloquent apologists. But the recent attacks, untruly as well as ungenerously, made upon their reputation, by a pen, which ought to have been a "Defender of the Faith," have rendered it the more binding on your Committee to say, at least, thus much of the honored and highly beneficial toils of our Wesleyan Methodist brethren, among the compassionate Red men of Upper Canada.

They are also happy to add that a Missionary expedition has been undertaken, during the last few weeks, in search of the wandering parties of Indians who traverse the wilds of the far distant West Country. The Revds. Messrs. James Evans and Thomas Hurlburt, the two respected Missionaries, who have been appointed to this arduous service, speak the Indian language with great fluency, and are accompanied by two of the most acceptable of our Indian Preachers, and other Native Assistants. Their object is to publish among these "Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ;" that having been the only charm which has ever induced this class of men to forbear the migratory habits of the Savage, and to feel the advantages of civilized life. The influence of the preached Gospel, heretofore, has induced many to settle, that they might the more easily "hear words whereby they may be saved." And it is hoped this will be among the effects of this praiseworthy enterprise.

Your Committee earnestly solicit for the arduous undertaking, and its worthy and devoted agents, the special prayers of their Christian friends. And may some of its cheering fruits be the amply-remunerating spectacle, of many an Indian wanderer, "sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind."

The following is a SUMMARY of the operations under the direction of THE PARENT COMMITTEE IN LONDON:—The Principal or Central Foreign Stations amount to 186; the number of Ordained Missionaries, 317,—of whom 88 are in the West India Colonies. The total number of Communicants on the Mission Stations is 66,007, being an increase of 4,204 in the course of the past year. This is exclusive of the number under the care of the Irish Missionaries, and also of the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Upper Canada.

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The returns of the *Children and Adults* in THE MISSION SCHOOLS are as follows:—Ireland and the other European Missions 5,343; India and Ceylon 6,512; South Sea Missions 9,881; South Africa 2,145; Western Africa 1,365; West Indies 16,946; British North America, including the Chippewa and Mohawk Indians, 7,088.—Total Scholars, 49,280;—being an increase of 2,174 during the previous year.

In conclusion, (and in the language of the lamented Watson,*) “the Committee again recommend the important Cause of Missions to the affectionate regards of all ‘*who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.*’ Often have they rejoiced in the thought, that it is a Cause sanctioned by God’s own authority, connected with many affecting and endearing circumstances, and urged by every consideration of piety and mercy. It is a Cause, too, in which we shall not long be permitted to employ our activity and zeal. Life hastens to its close. By ‘the swift flight of irrevocable time,’ we are continually tending to that state in which all our labours shall terminate; and opportunities once neglected can never be retrieved.

“It is also a Cause in which our hopes may rest with assured confidence. Discouraging as incidental occurrences may sometimes be, it shall finally prevail in all the earth. The word has passed the lips of Eternal Truth; and it remains inviolate. Light, issuing pure and untainted from its native source, shall dissipate the wide-spread darkness of error; and with it, the spectral forms which superstition has impressed on the surrounding gloom, shall fade away from the imaginations of men. The joyful declaration shall be re-echoed from every heart. ‘*This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*’

“Nor is the period far distant: Long have the innumerable hosts of Heaven sung, ‘*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and blessing;*’ and the day is hourly approaching, when they shall be joined by the entire range of rational and rejoicing beings; when ‘*every creature which is in Heaven and on the Earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all that are in them, shall be heard saying,—‘BLESSING, AND HONOUR, AND GLORY, AND POWER, BE UNTO HIM THAT SITTETH UPON THE THRONE, AND UNTO THE LAMB, FOR EVER AND EVER.’*”——Amen.

* Report of the Parent Society, for 1828.

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<p>1837. Sept. 10.—To Balance received from Mr. Latham, late Treasurer,</p>	£1 5 2	<p>Sept. 15.—By Printing 300 Reports, &c. &c.</p>	£6 1 6
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DAVID LOGIE,
Treasurer.

Quebec, 24th September, 1838.

