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## OUR MISSION TO JAPAN.

It appears to be the will of Providence that we should take part in the vigorous efforts about to be made by Protestantism to preach Christ to the Japanese.

The Committee of the Canadian Wesleyan Missionary Society has resolved to send one or two missionaries to Japan; and the fact has been ascertained that an organic union shall be effected at an early day between our Connection and that of the Wesleyan Methodists of Canada. Hence we may with good reason begin to talk of our coming mission to Japan.

The progress of this enterprise will be watched with deep interest by British North American Methodists. The Japanese, unlike many other heathen peoples, are evidently destined to a great future. They are not fated to perish before the advance of the English-speaking race, like the North American Indians and the Islanders of the great Southern Sea. They are characterized by natural endowments of a high order. They are splendidly situated to play a noble part in furthering the interests of civilization in the Eastern Hemisphere. They are sweeping onward with gigantic strides. The change that has been wrought among them within a few years past is without a parallel in the history of the world.

There is a probability that the knowledge of the English language will be diffused among them with astonishing rapidity, and that by the Divine blessing grand results will be accomplished among them by zealous and wisely-directed Christian labour.

Methodism will probably be strongly represented on the Japan mission field. The English Wesleyan Missionary Society will doubtless send a vigorous evangelist contingent thither, and the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States will certainly take up a strong position there. The last named body will enter the field under the most favourable circumstances. The highly favoured circumstances. The Japs are disposed to cultivate friendly relations with the American people. A number of their distinguished men have already visited the United States. Many of their promising youth are going to be educated. These are getting to understand how commanding is the position of Methodism in that country. The fact is not likely to be forgotten when they meet with some of its zealous agents in Japan by and bye. No doubt Japan is destined to be Christianized sooner or later, and it seems certain that Methodism will be privileged to take a prominent part in bringing about that desirable result. It is pleasant to anticipate that our own branch of the great Methodist family will contribute its quota of service toward accomplishing the blessed task.

## SOUND AND REASONABLE.

The Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland recently held a session at Manchester. At a public meeting held in connection with the session, Mr. Spurgeon delivered an address. In the course of it, he gave utterance to the following weighty remarks:—

"They would never see the churches increased largely until the minister felt that he could not live without conversions; and when a minister felt that he must have conversions, or his heart would break, then he would have them."

A short time after having made these observations, he visited the Methodist Theological College at Didbury, in the vicinity, and of course was asked to say a few words to the students. Complying with the request, he told the ministerial candidates before him, that he had been reading of late the lives of the early Methodist preachers, and he exhorted his young brethren to cultivate the ardent and enthusiastic spirit which animated those devoted and most successful men of God.

These were good words and timely, both to the Baptist audience and the Methodist students. It is to be hoped they will be treasured up, and produce salutary results. Methodism is this juncture could scarce desire for it, ministry a better gift from above than a double portion of that spirit which inflamed the souls and beautified the lives of the best and bravest of the early Methodist preachers, who as such as any men that ever lived, felt that their hearts must break unless God gave them conversions.

## SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Much of the best work hereafter to be accomplished for the Church will be done in the Sabbath school. A conviction to this effect is becoming widely prevalent among Christian men, but as yet the belief has not proved as productive practically as is desirable. Too many, well-fitted to attain success in Sabbath school labor, stand aloof from it, though convinced of its importance. This seems to be the case in every Christian land, and is to be greatly lamented. It would be well, if intelligent Christian men and women, who deny themselves the luxury of active participation in Christian work, would copy the example of Lord Hatherley, the late Lord High Chancellor of England. At the recent Church Congress in Leeds, he offered a paper in defence of Sabbath schools. In that paper, he illustrated the utility of such schools by facts occurring in his own experience as a Sabbath school teacher for thirty-five years. This great lawyer and distinguished judge, amid the exacting requirements of a most laborious profession, found time for Sunday school work, and pleasure and profit in its prosecution, while occupying a position very near the throne.

J. B. N.

God mingles the bitter with the sweet in this life, to set us seeking another life, where there shall be sweet alone.

## ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

**A French Pilgrimage—Railway accident and loss of life—Explosion at a Coal Mine—Suicide of Mr. Justice Willes—Education controversies in Methodism—Our home work and winter prospects.**

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—The peasantry of France has not yet thrown off the spell of superstition, and freed themselves from the yoke of a designing priesthood. A painful illustration of this has lately been witnessed in a pilgrimage made to a little town in the Pyrenees, a famous shrine of the Virgin Mary. It is only fourteen years since this place sprang into notoriety, on account of the miraculous appearance of Mary to a peasant girl, in order to stamp with her own authority the recently promulgated doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. The delusion is still maintained, and this year special efforts have been made to get up a pilgrimage on a very large scale, that extraordinary attention might be drawn to the embarrassed position of the Holy See, and the restoration of its temporal power, the punishment of its enemies, and the triumph of the Roman Church. Political intrigues and aspirations also had a part in this movement, and the priests have goods train late, and are to be further delayed for the purpose of shunting several waggons. The express train was also much behind time, and the station master appears to have been under the impression that it must have passed and acted accordingly, but unfortunately without making enquiry of the man in charge of the signals. The goods train was standing on the down line in obedience to the orders of the station master, and the signal man, ignorant of what had been done, indicated that all was clear and safe, so that the express, travelling at the rate of forty miles an hour, and drawn by two engines, dashed at undiminished speed through the goods train, and with an awful crash, attended by distressing loss of life, was the sad result. Eleven were instantly killed, and many badly wounded. The destruction of property was on a very large scale, the station being in part torn down. Very great blame is attached to the unfortunate station master, who is now in custody on a charge of manslaughter, but more blame is to be laid upon the Directors who carried their lines with an ever increasing amount of heavy traffic which must necessarily consume much time in shunting and in making up the trains, and on the very same lines are running their fast trains laden with precious life, and striving to maintain the highest possible rates of speed. The famed clock system is averting, and the fact of the national railway, but there is yet great need for more Government intervention and oversight than has hitherto been afforded.

An explosion in a coal mine, near Dewsbury in Yorkshire, has occasioned the loss of nearly forty lives. It is a repetition of the old story. The mine, which is situated in a dark recess of the earth, destroying all within its deadly range, and vomiting up the shaft its masses of smoke and rubbish, proclaiming beyond the possibility of doubt the fearful work it has wrought. In due time the ventilation is so far restored as to permit of the escape of the air. A few are alive, but the great majority working at the time of the accident have perished, and in many instances were so dreadfully burned and mutilated as to render identification impossible. Great suffering results from such a calamity as this, and sorrow broods over the stricken families. It is extremely painful to believe that carelessness and disobedience to rules have occasioned this great calamity. Miners will descend to the perilous employment with matches concealed upon their persons, and in some instances keys for the purpose of opening the safety lamps; and thus through the reckless impudence of a few, sudden destruction is brought upon many.

The past fortnight has been rather fruitful in calamity and misfortune. A distinguished Judge of one of the High Courts of the Basins, Mr. Justice Willes, has perished by the act of his own hand. From all accounts that have appeared, the deceased gentleman was entitled to rank among the most eminent in the legal profession. He had earned a high renown in his calling as a comparatively early age, and was regarded as one of England's most distinguished lawyers. It now appears that he has struggled during life with a feeble system, and has occasionally been a very great sufferer from disease. His increasing work and protracted mental toil have recently aggravated the bodily infirmity, and the deceased Judge, unwilling to accept the warning, he persevered in his course of incessant work until the disease (suppressed cough) affected both brain and heart, and the result has been that he has yielded to the fearful pressure; and had "fallen hands" upon his own life. The public feeling has been deeply stirred by this painful event, and much sincere sorrow has been manifested at the untimely end of an honorable and beloved Judge.

In Methodism there is but little to record, except we dwell upon the education controversy, which now attracts so much attention in both the Continental papers. The elections to the committee which is to meet in London, having drawn forth comments in many of the District meetings, the discussion has drifted into the papers and has become somewhat lively and entertaining. The officials at Westminster and Bath have been the chief actors in the system with which they are now so closely identified, and on the other side very able and temperate letters have appeared. Some letters have been written on both sides which were not of much account, and some calculated to stir up anger, but on the whole the discussion has been conducted with wisdom in arriving at some definite conclusion upon this distracting subject. Meanwhile Methodism is giving much attention to its spiritual work, and plans are being extensively laid for special and aggressive action upon the benightedness of the masses at home. Already there are hopeful signs of the Divine favor; and faith clings to the earnest-trove of large gatherings to the Church of Christ, and a number of much success in soul saving work.

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## Circuit Intelligence.

### AMHERST CIRCUIT.

MR. EDITOR.—To most of the Provincial Wesleyan Readers, the department of the paper devoted to "Circuit Intelligence" is perhaps the most interesting, and week after week this department is scanned the most eagerly. We look, until in some instances our eyes are almost dim, and our hearts almost sick, for accounts of spiritual awakening and revival. And frequently on laying down the paper, we are ready to ask, "Where is the Lord God of our fathers?" My apology therefore for appearing in print just now, is, I feel it my duty to furnish my quota to the above mentioned department.

So far as I am personally concerned, the discharge of this duty would have been rendered much easier, if I had been in a position to write of Pentecostal effusions of the Spirit, and of multitudes of sinners being converted to God. Such however is not the case. The land all about us is parched with continual drought, it is deeply chapped for want of rain. It is ours indeed to go forth weeping, bearing with us precious seed, but the joy of harvest is not yet present. Looking at this circuit, it appears at present, to our dim vision, as though all the seed fell, either by the "way side," or on stony ground, or in the "thorns." Still, as the *Master* says, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not this seed; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that. Duty is ours, and I presume duty, is not in any case to be measured by the amount of success. God waits to be gracious. O why is it, that the seed does not germinate? Surely God, has not in anger shut up His tender mercy from us. Comforted by the assurance that the lowest point must be reached, we are ready to enter upon the same old topics.

Some ten days ago, we completed a series of Home Missionary Meetings on this circuit. In this work we had a most excellent deputation, in the esteemed Chairman of our District, Rev. E. Brett. The meetings were means of great blessing. This, from a circuit which for several years past, has been almost unprosperous, not only instruction, but edification and comfort. Financially, we were almost as successful as we could desire to be. The Amherst circuit will augment the funds of the Society, this year, to the amount of over \$50. This, from a circuit which for several years past, has been almost unprosperous, not only instruction, but edification and comfort. Financially, we were almost as successful as we could desire to be. The Amherst circuit will augment the funds of the Society, this year, to the amount of over \$50. This, from a circuit which for several years past, has been almost unprosperous, not only instruction, but edification and comfort. 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BY ANTONIO ARRHICH

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With its kindred ones, my mother, With its kindred ones, my mother, In some vale of peace, dear mother, There to dream of Heaven and thee.

Wand'ring now, I weep, my mother, Since I roam disowned by thee; Yet I trust, though distant, mother, That dost think of Heaven and me.

From the hearth-stone banished, mother, For the Gospel's sake, dear mother, Tho' thou wilt not own me, mother, Ever will I pray for thee.

Thou art growing old, my mother, Yet I trust, though distant, mother, Lead thee to the blest land, mother, Guide thee to its golden strand.

No more sorrow, then, dear mother, Tears shall never dim thine eye; Oh, I know, thou'lt join me, mother, When life's storms are all blown by.

This thought that cheers me, mother, When our life on earth is past, We may meet the cherished, mother, In the bright, sweet land of rest.

In this land of strangers, mother, Far from Italy and thee, Stronger grows my heart, dear mother, While I bend to pray for thee.

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Table with columns: Day, Sun, Moon, Sets, Rises, South, Sets, Halifax.

THE TIMES.—The column of the Moon's South gives the time of high water at Parsons, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Truro.

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