

The Provincial Wesleyan.

Obituary Notice.

JOHN BOOKER, Esq., of WELLESLEY.
The subject of the following brief memoir was born in Nova Scotia in June 1784, and in the year 1808 was converted to God and became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and in the year 1819 immigrated to Canada and settled in the township of Esequing.
At this period of time, Esequing was altogether a new country, there being only a few settlers, and these chiefly living at remote distances from each other, consequently he and his partner had many hardships to undergo and many privations to endure, in commencing life in the bush, but they were most keenly, was the want of the means of grace, for as yet, no herald of the cross had ever ventured into this remote region of country. Accordingly they resolved to make immediate application to the officials of the church of their choice at York, (now Toronto) for a Missionary, which petition was favourably received and a deputation immediately dispatched to view this new proffered field of labour, who very readily found their way to the humble cot of the subject of these remarks, who gave them a hearty welcome, and afterwards consented to pioneer them through the forest from one small settlement to another, till they reached the place where Georgetown now stands, in order to ascertain, if possible, the prospects of the formation of a new Mission in this section of the Province, the result of which was, that a mission was immediately formed, and one of the deputations, whose name we learn was Smith, (who has since gone to his reward), was sent as their Missionary. Thus the deceased had the happy privilege of introducing to the township of Esequing (now the township of Caledonia) the first Missionary of the Gospel.
In March 1855, he removed to the township of Wellesley, but in the order of an all-wise Providence his residence there was of short duration, for in the beginning of April last he became sorely afflicted with a very painful disease, which in a very short time made defence to medical skill, but pleading to say, when the painful intelligence was communicated to him that a dissolution of body and spirit were inevitably close at hand, he received it with the utmost resignation and composure of mind, and evenly open expressed his willingness to submit to the will of his Divine Master; and having, during the past year, read more than usual upon the subject of entire sanctification he became deeply impressed with the importance of experiencing this great blessing whilst in the body.
For a short time previous to his death, his mind became somewhat deranged, but of this fact he appeared to be quite sensible, and would frequently request some of his attendants to read him a chapter from the Bible. At that times a favorite hymn would tend greatly to restore him to reason.
On the Friday morning previous to his death, as his attendants sat around his bed, he would cheerfully remark, "I'll soon be home now, I'll soon be with my blessed Jesus," and during the day he could be heard faintly exclaiming: "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory." Shortly after sunset, whilst his weeping attendants, and a number of kind neighbors were gathered around his bed, he, without a struggle or a moan, passed away to the Paradise of God.—Com. to Christian Guardian.

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Mount Allison Academy.

In an age of intellectual progress, when all free and enlightened Governments deem it alike just and prudent to respond to the general aspiration after knowledge, by adopting appropriate measures for the elevation of the masses, and when the different Christian denominations are animated with a laudable emulation to associate superior educational institutions with their respective systems of spiritual agency, the Wesleyans of these Provinces are eminently fortunate in having one which has already deservedly won the full confidence of the public. How grateful to the heart of the munificent founder of this Institution, must be the review of the good, so far as it can be estimated, which, under his own paternal eye, it has been instrumental in achieving! While the late important expansion of its plans of operation, by the addition of a Female Department, authorizes still higher anticipations in respect to the future. It is certainly among the most felicitous circumstances connected with the organization of our Eastern British American Conference, that this important development of Methodism had been anticipated, as if with prophetic benignity, by the previous establishment of an Educational Institute competent to dispense on so wide a scale, and so decidedly Christian, and truly catholic, principles, the blessings of knowledge. Long may it remain, a source of mental illumination and of salutary moral influence to thousands.—illustrating the worthy name by which it is called, with a purer radiance than the most ostensible deed of posthumous charity could have imparted!
We regret that it has not been in our power, at an earlier period, to present to our readers some account of the public examination and anniversary exercises, with which the last term closed. The occasion—were we informed by a respected correspondent who was present—was one of very great interest, in no way inferior to that of any previous year. The examination commenced with the classes of the Primary Department in the Female Branch, on Saturday the 31st of May, and was resumed on Monday morning with simultaneous exercises in both Branches, occupying the whole of that, and the forenoon of the following day. An interval of little more than an hour intervened between the close of the examination and the Anniversary Exercises, which were conducted according to the following programme:—
TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.
DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Singing, Prayer, and Reading the Scriptures.
MUSIC.
1. "Socrates," (Greek Oration), by Edmund S. Evans.
2. "Are the other Planets inhabited?" (discussional), by Raaben Gross—mag. A. K. Fullerston.
3. "Napoleon de Buonaparte et Louis Napoleon," (French Dialogue), by S. R. Tupper & A. Peck.
MUSIC.
4. "Beauty hideth everywhere," Miss Hannah Jenkins.

Brief Sketch of the Life, Death, and Character of the late Rev. Peter Jones.

(BY THE REV. DR. RYERSON.)
In the death of the late Rev. Peter Jones, of Kakeraguagoo, closed the earthly career of the first converted Ojibway Indian in Canada, or in America, who became a minister of the Gospel, and who, during a period of thirty years, has led a life remarkable for piety, labours and usefulness, whose praise is in all the Churches, who has enjoyed the esteem of, and had access to, every class of Canadian society, from the poorest Indian to the Representative of Royalty, and who has been honoured with audiences by two British Sovereigns, and preached the Gospel to multitudes of all ranks and professions of the British people, and who, under all these circumstances of varied trial, temptation and labour, has maintained the simplicity of a Christian, the dignity of the minister, and the spirit of the messenger of Christ. The life of such a man cannot be without interest, whether viewed as the representative of a noble race, an illustration of the power of divine grace, or the centre of a group of remarkable facts not collected in interest and importance in the modern history of Christian civilization. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Jones has left ample materials for a history of his own life, including copious journals of travels and labours, as also a history nearly, if not quite complete, of his nation.—These will no doubt be very interesting to all those who are desirous to anticipate the interest which such publications will doubtless command. I limit myself here to the briefest sketch of such a life adapted to the columns of a newspaper. I knew him when a lad; I was present on the occasion of his conversion; I was subsequently the first missionary stationed among his people on their settlement at the River Credit in 1828; I have known him intimately from that time to the close of his life. I therefore speak of him from personal knowledge, although in some instances, I may be less than more than that of some of his contemporaries, but the words, which have been furnished to me by one who shared his trials, sorrows and joys, during the last twenty years and upwards.
Peter Jones was born the 1st of January, 1802. His father was a Wesleyan, and a Government Surveyor, and learned the Indian language, and employed the Indians to assist him in surveying. His mother was a native of the Ojibway tribe of Indians. Peter was brought up by or rather wandered with his mother about the head of Lake Ontario until he was fourteen years of age. He was brought up after the heathen manners and customs of Ojibway Indians. His mother taught him to fish in honor of the gods, or munitions, on which occasion he used to blacken his face, and observe the idolatrous ceremonies of the Indians. His first mental anguish of a religious character arose from his breaking his fast one day by drinking a little water before the sun went down. His heart was filled with sorrow and he wept much. When he grew large enough to handle the spear, the gun, and the bow and arrow, he became expert in the use of them, and excelled his play-fellows in hunting. At the age of fifteen his father took him and sent him to school, where, in the course of a year, he acquired considerable knowledge of English, and learned to read and write. His school instruction seems to have been then discontinued. But such was his desire for learning, that in the summer of 1822, he hired himself out at brick-making on the Grand River in order to pay his board and tuition during the ensuing winter (for about three months). When he applied himself closely to study arithmetic and other useful branches of English learning. This appears to have been the extent of his early school education.
The following June, 1823, he and his sister attended a "Camp-meeting" in the neighborhood of Ancaster. They went from motives of curiosity, but were both converted and returned praising God. The sister first rejoiced in a sense of forgiven sins, and then encouraged her brother to do likewise. He was grooving "the remembrance of whose sins was grievous unto him and the burden of them intolerable," until he was enabled to believe or trust in Christ alone as his Saviour, when he experienced "peace with God" through our Lord Jesus Christ, and "rejoiced with joy unspeakable and full of glory." He and his sister returned home with joy, and declared to their parents and great friends Jesus had done for them, and that night Peter Jones commenced family prayer in his father's house. The immediate result was the conversion of both his parents. He soon felt it his duty to exhort his fellow creatures to turn to the true God, and the Lord blessed his efforts in a remarkable manner; so that he soon had the happiness of seeing numbers of his relatives and friends rejoicing in the love and mercy of the Great Spirit. His "growth in grace and in the knowledge of his Lord," was increased in labours and usefulness. It belongs to a more extended history of his life to narrate his now commencing public career—his prayers and exhortations—his admission by the Conference on trial as a minister—his travels, labours, success in the conversion of his own and kindred tribes—his transatlantic voyages and ministrations—his appointments to Indian Missions, missionary tours, and usefulness in regard to both the temporal and spiritual interests of his countrymen, during more than a quarter of a century.
At length his never weary vigorous constitution began to yield to successive exposures, colds and fevers. In the spring of 1856 he had no severe illness, but he felt that he was fast approaching the close of his earthly career. He was invited to be offered up by both Indians and whites for the blessing of God upon his means employed for his recovery, and his valuable life was prolonged a few years. On his recovery he said, "the prayers of the good people have kept me out of heaven." On the 10th ult., of the year 1856, he experienced a very severe trial in the death of a beloved and promising boy, but his sweet resignation under so heavy a blow, exemplified the supporting grace of God to the heart of a true Christian. At length from his failing and precarious health, and by the advice of his physician, it was not deemed advisable for him to attempt to continue any longer in charge of a mission station; he therefore returned home. At the same time whenever health permitted, he was ready to go forth and preach the gospel, or attend missionary meetings. He often journeyed to the New Credit settlement, where he held both the spiritual and temporal concerns of his Tribe—settling their accounts, attending frequent councils, communicating with the Indian Department, &c. &c.
During this period in the summer of 1855, while on a visit to New York, he experienced a great deepening of the work of grace in his heart. He felt, as if he had been brought down to the level of the heathen, and that all his former triumphs were as a cloud of darkness.
The California Christian Advocate says, that, at a quietly meeting recently held near Union City, a lady joined who stated she had once sat under the preaching of John Wesley, and had now in her possession love-letters signed by Mr. Wesley which enabled him to enjoy this blessing on board his ship. My own soul was greatly blessed at this meeting. Glory be to God for what I enjoy! My soul is happy. Of a truth God is love. I know that the precious blood of my dear Saviour cleansing my soul from all unrighteousness, has made me a partaker of his life and love.
Join with me in praising God for what he has done to my soul. My heart is full of Jesus.—Little did I think when I came to this bustling city, that I was going to obtain such a baptism from above. Continue to pray for me that I may retain this simple power to believe what God has promised in His Holy Word. This deeper work of grace continued to strengthen and mature; and the effect of it was manifest in his increasing readiness to the world, his simple faith in the promises of Christ and fervent appeals to the conscience of his hearers.
Last December he rode in a lumber wagon over bad roads to the New Credit Settlement of his Tribe—a distance of about twelve miles; and then returned home through a drizzling rain. No sooner did he reach his own house, than he was obliged to lie down. The next day medical aid was called in. Until the close of January he was able to sit up part of the time. He died at 12 o'clock on the 10th of February, at the age of 54 years, and was buried in the cemetery at New Credit on the 12th of the same month. He had been confined to his bed at times sickness at the stomach attended with extreme general prostration reduced him so low, that the effort to move him often produced faintness. About the beginning of February, he appeared to rally a little, but only being able to sit up a little. He died at 12 o'clock on the 10th of February, at the age of 54 years, and was buried in the cemetery at New Credit on the 12th of the same month. 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Court of France, and now special envoy to England. Conferences have taken place between Senor Herran, the Earl of Clarendon, H. B. M.'s Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Dallas, the United States Minister near this Court...

There has been also some dispute about the Mosquito Protectorate over a tract of land claimed by the republic of Nicaragua. It is claimed by the United States, that after the convention of 1850, England had no right to continue its protectorate over his Majesty the King of the Mosquitoes...

Commercial. Halifax Markets. Corrected for the "Provincial Wesleyan" to 4 o'clock, Wednesday, Aug. 7th.

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Missionary.

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Mysore, April 5th, 1856. You will have heard from Mr. Hoole, to whom I wrote in November last, of the very heavy domestic afflictions which had just then befallen me. As I had not at that time been in Mysore, and was unable then to give you any account of the work of the station, I will now to note for your information the agencies we employ, and the means by which we seek, in dependence on the aid and blessing of our Great Master, to accomplish the all-important objects of our Mission...

EUROPEAN. Italy. Events of great importance are evidently approaching in Italy. That beautiful land, divided into numerous states, has suffered, ever since the peace of 1815, every form of political and social affliction...

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Shipping News. PORT OF HALIFAX. ARRIVED. WEDNESDAY, July 30.

Street preaching brings us into direct contact with almost all classes of Hindu society; and while the occupancy of the Teachers in India is so small, this must be our principle means of making known the "story of the cross" among the masses. The city of Mysore has been, in former years, favoured with the labours of earnest and efficient Preachers of the Gospel in Canarese; but owing to the relinquishment of the station by the London Missionary Society, and its partial abandonment by our own, even when we have had a man stationed here for many years, it has been necessarily a great deal diverted from this work...

With the present position of the institution you are also, I believe, acquainted. It is flourishing in every respect except in its funds; had we a Government grant, we could, of course, do much more as to number and efficiency. The Mysore Government is most favourable to the school operations of the Mission, as is seen by the liberal grants-in-aid made to our Bangalore Institution. The difficulty just at present in the way of a grant in this place, seems to be His Highness the Rajah's English school, which was for so many years under the charge of our Missionaries, but was relinquished by the resident missionary a few years ago. The government seems not to wish to be thought the rival of the Rajah in this matter.

When we look on sun-touched Italy, its exquisite scenery, its sweet and genial climate, its ancient splendor, the genius of its people, its immortal monuments of art and glory—when we see it alternating between oppressive misery and desperate anguish—tempting its natives into conflicts of blood and ruin—who can fail to lament the accidents of modern history?

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Poetry. What saith the fountain, Hid in the glade, Where the tall mountain, Throweth its shade? ... Deep in thy waters, reflected scene, All the soft beauty of heaven is seen.

What saith the river, Majestic in flow, Moving forever, Calmly and slow? ... Over my surface the great vessels glide, Oceanward borne by the strong leaving tide.

Agriculture. Rearing Calves. Take the calf from its dam when a few days or a week old, according to the condition of the cow's bag, and leave it to drink new milk, warm from the cow, feeding it thus twice a day till four or six weeks old.

Pruning when the Leaves are on. The only pruning we hold to be sound, safe and commendable, at this season, is the finger and thumb, in other words, pinching. It is quite inconsistent, with good management to rear a crop of good shoots at two or three inches growth before they attain to woodiness.

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Planting Ornamental Trees. Our deciduous trees do not hold their foliage half the year, and on this account, evergreens should enter largely into the ornamental planting of grounds around the residence; they should be planted densely on the sides towards the prevailing cold winds, and placed towards the boundaries in irregular and natural belts and masses.

Miscellaneous. Successful Men—their Energy. All men who have succeeded in life have been men of high resolve and endurance. The famed William Pitt was in early life full of gaming; the passion increased with his years; he knew he must at once master the passion or the passion would master him.

The Great Eastern Steamship. Our readers have already been made acquainted with one of the most gigantic enterprises of this or any other age, now in the act of being carried out in the city of London; and we mean the leviathan iron steamship now being constructed under the superintendence of those distinguished engineers, Brunel and Scott Russell.

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THE MOUNT ALLISON Wesleyan Academy. REV. M. RICHY, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees. REV. E. EVANS, D. D., Secretary and Chaplain. REV. J. H. ALMON, M. A., Principal. CHARLES F. ALLISON, Esq., Treasurer.

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