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NEWFOUNDLAND.

An attentive observer of the journalistic expression at the chief centres of Newfoundland life during the past year, would naturally be impressed with the marked agitation which has been in progress. It has called out every variety of controversy, and almost from every class of society. Ministers of Religion even have been assailed, and challenged in self-defence. This excitement is indicative of active life somewhere. The sluggish stream is always quiet and unrumbling. When confluent branches are overflowing from the higher lands, soon there is agitation in the main channel, producing all the play of whirlpool, eddies, current and counter-current. This makes commotion, and commotion is always noise. We have hope that Newfoundland has been passing from lethargy to energetic life. Indeed there is authoritative testimony that such is the case. If prudent hands and cool brains shall but guide these discordant elements, that colony will soon be quite abreast of its associate Provinces. It is already rapidly forging ahead.

A variety of mechanical and manual employment has been introduced during late years on the Island, which has tended to give more stability to its commerce. The Fisheries, forever fluctuating, though still pursued as the principal business, are not so universally trusted as formerly. Up among the fine, deep Bays which so generally indent the coast, there are settlements formed of millowners and farmers. These naturally give rise to mechanical ingenuity, to trade and intelligent civic regulations. Shipowners, too, there are, multiplying here and there, deriving a fine recompense from this branch of commerce. The central Towns, of course, feel the impulse of these, together with the mining interests, which, though encouragingly developed, are yet but in their infancy. Education takes a higher grade. Religion partakes largely in the general prosperity. And politics are quite as luxuriant as any could desire!

In the political struggle, which seems scarcely to subside at any time of late, it is not difficult to see the operation of the same general principle that lies at the foundation of such contests in all parts of these British Provinces. There are ambitions cherished among Roman Catholic leaders which will not be restrained. They find their way into any and every element which they can affect, and through which they can operate. To rule the State, they attempt to control politics. To influence social life and habits, they aspire to government in education. Nor are they alone in these plotting contrivances. The Church of England, so-called, has never in Newfoundland manifested an evangelical tendency or a disposition to fraternize with the Protestant denominations. Accustomed for many years to direct the legislation of the Island, it was difficult to relinquish supremacy. A dangerous irritation thus came into existence which threatened to work much evil. It is hopeful, however, that the political leaders of the Episcopal Body have to a considerable extent, thrown their strength with the wise and sensible men representing the other evangelical classes and made common cause with them against their wary and formidable adversary. Having a considerable majority on the Island, and being constantly on the increase as compared with Roman Catholics, there is no reason why Protestants should not now enjoy their lengthened period of governing Newfoundland.

It is exceedingly gratifying to us that Methodism is so largely and respectably represented in the Legislature, the Council and the Executive. Often have we felt how much this was needed, not merely to secure our interests as a Body, but to give tone and stability to the Government and the House of Assembly. The vituperation and abuse to which the controlling party have recently been subjected, has usually, we have noticed, taken its animus from a strong jealousy of Methodist predominance. We are sure there can be no real foundation for the suspicion that our Church on this Island has become political in its own aggrandizement. Our history is singularly free from any such aims and aspirations. If Methodism has become a political power, it must be regarded as merely an evidence of its worth and importance in the estimation of a people who have elected true men to represent them and frame their laws.

But the grand feature of our present position in Newfoundland as a Church, is the noble front presented to the world by our Circuits and numerous agencies. There are at present from twenty to twenty-five new Churches in process of building among the Methodist people. This shows one kind of prosperity to an extraordinary degree. The ministerial supply has been increasing of late to such an extent as leaves us almost bewildered by new names and the increase of Mission Stations. All around the shores there have been revivals, organizations of classes, Sunday-schools, congregations, follow in due course. A third District will be constructed to the North at no very distant period. An Annual Conference will give our cause new energy and confidence. Able men are at the head of its affairs: self-denying men and women are giving their zeal, talents and prayers to the good cause; and "the best of all, is God with us."

ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

The Annual Meeting of this District was commenced at St. Stephen on Wednesday morning the 10th inst., and was brought to a satisfactory close on Thursday evening. The Brethren from the various circuits were in punctual attendance, and with one or two exceptions, in apparently good health. The Chairman, the Rev. H. Pope, Jr., presided with the tact and ability for which he is proverbial. The Rev. R. Duncan who was elected Secretary of the Meeting, and the Rev. Jas. Taylor, the financial secretary, both ready writers, performed their part with the fidelity and efficiency which long experience and practice have made all but perfect. The reports submitted, both with regard to religious and financial matters, were of the whole of a highly satisfactory and encouraging character. On several of the circuits there has been a considerable increase in the membership of the church, and the various funds of the connection have been liberally sustained, though as heretofore, a few of the brethren on dependent circuits, were under the disagreeable necessity of reporting a deficiency on their appointed allowances, which if fully paid up, as times and prices now rule, would be far below what some necessities demand. Two Brethren whose terms of probation has been honourably and successfully filled up, having passed their last district examination satisfactorily were recommended to Conference for full ordination. Two other young men who during the greater part of the year have been laboring on Home Missions with acceptance and success, were recommended to Conference as candidates for the work of the ministry, and in accordance with their earnest desire, the Conference is desirous to allow them the privilege of attending for some time in the Theological and other classes of the Sackville Institutions. The meeting was favoured with the presence of several of our respected Circuit Stewards, who as usual took part in the financial business of the meeting, and also as the representatives of the circuits and districts to which they belong, elected by ballot the lay members for the approaching General Conference which this district is entitled to send. The gentlemen elected to this office and honour, are E. E. Lockhart, Esq., of St. John, and Z. Chipman, Esq., of St. Stephen. The public services connected with the meeting were well attended and profitable. Bro. Brecken preached on Tuesday evening to a large congregation, who evidently much appreciated the sermon. "The lot of the young brethren" was in succession at half-past six in the morning to very respectable audiences—these brethren give evidence that time and practicing will, by the promised help and teaching of the Holy Spirit, make them ministers that need not "be ashamed." On Thursday evening a social was held in the basement of the church. The character and design of this meeting was of a very pleasing nature. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. A. Clark, A.M., whose labors have been signally blessed on this circuit, but whose delicate health renders rest necessary, was presented by the young men of his charge, (the most of whom are recent converts), with a very affectionate address and a very valuable and ornamental silver vase which, with his name, &c., are beautifully engraved. The address and memorial gift, which evidently took our honored brother by surprise, was acknowledged and accepted with deep emotion, and in chaste and affectionate language which moved the hearts of all present. On the whole the recent district meeting at St. Stephen may be pronounced one of the most agreeable, harmonious and profitable that the brethren have ever had the pleasure of attending. The new church is beautiful within and without, and such as all who took part in its erection may be justly proud of—the congregation attending are large, respectable and devout, and the piety, zeal and interest manifested by the members, a large portion of whom are young men and young women, were delightful to witness. Our earnest prayer is that the establishing and saving grace of God may still be vouchsafed to this promising circuit,—that showers of blessings may continue to descend on this Vintage of the Lord,—that the retiring brother reluctantly compelled to withdraw from us to whom he feels more than ever attached, may be shortly restored to full health and strength, to be blessed and made a blessing in many spheres of labor, and that the happiness of pastor and people may be consummated in "the sweet by-and-by" in a joyful reunion to last for ever. I should like to see the sittings and services of our district meeting were rendered increasingly agreeable, by the presence of brethren of the M. E. Church "over the line."

All our brethren whose privilege it has been to attend this district meeting, are loud and earnest in their expressions of admiration of the hospitality and Christian kindness of our St. Stephen friends, by whom they were received and entertained. I am sure that I speak the feelings of all when I say our parting was with a feeling of regret—regret that the pressure of business, and the imperative calls for our presence elsewhere, allowed only such a brief space for enjoying the attractive and refreshing society and scenery of St. Stephen Circuit. S. W. S. St. John, June 15.

THE HALIFAX DISTRICT MEETING.

Was convened at the Grafton Street Church School-room at nine o'clock on the morning of June 17th. With the exception of some of the Superannuated Brethren and Rev. Mr. McArthur who has returned to Scotland on account of illness, a full array was present. The Rev. John McMurray Presiding. A hymn, a chapter, and prayer by Brethren Howie and Read, opened the proceedings. Bro. Arguin was chosen District Secretary. Bro. Jos. sitting down to the financial balance. Committees were appointed for the expediting of business, of which the usual routine was followed out with great rapidity and interest.

The membership of the District showed an increase of 80. Spiritual reports were generally encouraging. Sabbath-school statistics interesting. The brethren on probation, Strothard, Crisp, Johnson, Hooker, Stephenson and Lane, were subjected to the usual examination. The Session welcomed the presence of some brethren from Newfoundland. On Thursday the Circuit Stewards attended, and financial matters were considered. The lay gentlemen proceeded to elect delegates to the General Conference in Toronto, and to the Committees of the Conference in Charlottetown.

To General Conference, Hon. S. L. Shannon, William H. Allison, Esq., alternate W. B. Nutt, Esq.

To Contingent Fund Committee, D. H. Starr, and James Mosher, Esqrs.

Home Mission Committee, Geo. H. Starr, Esq.

Conversations on the prosperity of the work which occupied the last hours. The Session was marked by much cordial feeling, and brotherly love, and more than usual interest.

PROVINCIAL WESLEYAN ADMINISTRATION AND

Book Room change of location, called forth expressions of great approval. Thanks were given to Secretary and meeting dismissed.

CHARLOTTETOWN CONFERENCE, 1874.

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

PRINCE STREET CHURCH.

June 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—Rev. C. Lockhart; 7.30 p.m.—Rev. Caleb Parker; 7.30 p.m., Educational Meeting; June 25th, 6.30 a.m.—Rev. Charles Pickers; Opening of the Conference—Prayer Meeting from 12 to 1 o'clock; 7.30 p.m., Missionary Meeting; June 26th, 6.30 a.m.—Rev. Solomon Math; 7.30 p.m., Meeting for the promotion of Christian Holiness, conducted by Rev. John S. Addy; June 28th, 6.30 a.m.—Rev. Jesse Giles; 10.30 a.m.—Rev. John McMurray, President of the Conference; 2 p.m., Sunday School Address, Revs. L. Gaetz, W. H. Evans and J. Latham; 5.15 p.m., Conference Love Feast; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. Henry Pope, Jour.; June 29th, 6.30 a.m.—Prayer Meeting conducted by Rev. John Prince; 7.30 p.m., Ordination Service; June 30th, 6.30 a.m.—Prayer Meeting conducted by Rev. William C. Brown; 7.30 p.m., Service of Song; July 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—Conference Temperance Meeting, Revs. R. Alder Temple, C. Lader, Jos. Gaetz and H. McKewen; July 5th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. S. W. Sprague; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. John Read.

KUSTON STREET CHURCH.

June 26th, 7.30 p.m.—Rev. W. P. Percival; June 28th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. Joseph Pascoe; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. L. Gaetz; July 1st, 7.30 p.m.—Rev. S. T. Teed; July 5th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. John Latham; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. H. McKewen.

ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

June 28th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. G. S. Milligan, A.M.; 7 p.m.—Rev. A. W. Nicolson.

July 5th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. C. Stewart, D.D.; 7 p.m.—Rev. J. A. Rogers.

ZION'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

June 28th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. Joseph Hart; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. R. A. Temple; July 5th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. W. C. Brown; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. T. Harris.

BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

June 28th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. R. Duncan; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. H. Shotton; S. T. Teed; July 5th, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. Robert Watson; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. R. Tweedy.

Sunday, June 28th.

Corwall, 11 a.m.—Rev. F. Teasdale, 6.30 p.m.—Rev. R. Wasson; Little York, 2 p.m.—Rev. Joseph Gaetz; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. Caleb Parker; North Wilshire, 11 a.m.—Rev. A. D. Morton, A.M.; North River, 3 p.m.—Rev. Isaac N. Parker; Highfield, 11 a.m.—Rev. E. B. Moore; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. William Dobson; Princetown Road, 3 p.m.—Rev. R. Wilson; Brasley Point Road, 3 p.m.—Rev. Wm. Maguire; Union Road, 11 a.m.—Rev. Thomas Rogers; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. Joseph Seller, A.M.; Pleasant Grove, 11 a.m.—Rev. Jesse B. Giles; Stanhope, 3 p.m.—Rev. A. Lucas; Devon, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. S. T. Teed; North Wilshire, 11 a.m.—Rev. James Tweedy; Royalty East, 3 p.m.—Rev. J. R. Borden; Pownall, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. Wm. McCarty; 6.30 p.m.—Rev. Wm. Twedy; Tryon, 10.30 a.m.—Rev. J. Prince; 3 p.m.—Rev. Samuel Ackman.

Correspondence.

LETTER FROM CHARLOTTETOWN.

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan.
DEAR SIR,—In your issue of the 8th inst. you publish from the *New York Advocate* a letter written by Mr. P. Phillips. Permit me to call your attention to the statement that our "Sunday School averages upwards of 500 scholars and teachers, with a Bible class taught by a banker, Bro. Heard, from which seven ministers have been taught and gone out to preach the Gospel."

I hope, sir, that none of your readers will be led to infer from Mr. Phillips' elaborate account of our school, that we have but a Bible-class in connection therewith. While we acknowledge that God has blessed the class referred to by our "friend of the Sacred Song," He has not forgotten to be gracious to many other classes in connection with our school.

The Prince-street Wes. Sab. School has no less than six other adult Bible-classes besides Brother Heard's, each of which is taught in a separate department from the main school. The teachers are, W. E. Dawson, Esq., Rev. P. Smallwood, and T. W. Moore, and Messrs. Jas. Hodgson, Wm. Shepherd and Geo. Moore, of the Bank of P. E. I. We have also several Bible-classes in the main school. From these classes we can call to mind at least eleven persons who have gone forth to preach the Gospel. Owing to another school having been recently organized, our school is not quite so large as formerly. It now numbers about 650 scholars, with 46 teachers and 99 officers. The largest attendance on record is 946.

We have also another very interesting department in connection with our school—a junior, or infant class, consisting of 140 scholars, in a suitable room off the main school, and taught by a very efficient young lady.

By your giving the above remarks a place in your valuable columns you will oblige, Yours truly,
Supt. Prince St. Wes. Sab. School.
[We are sure Mr. Phillips did not intend to convey the meaning that only one Bible-class existed. Still we are glad to have the very gratifying information furnished by our correspondent.—Editor.]

LETTER FROM BERWICK.

To the Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan.
DEAR SIR,—We have been deeply interested in reading the reports in the *Wesleyan* from the different circuits of the reviving influences that have been enjoyed by our brethren, and felt that we could join with them in the song of thanksgiving and praise, for God has done "great things for us wherof we are glad." In the early part of the winter there was a movement, indicative of God's presence in our midst; a deeper seriousness pervaded the meetings and several were converted to God. In March last we commenced a series of services which were greatly blessed; numbers

came forward for prayer, many of whom obtained a sense of pardoning love. 25 adults have been taken into the Church by the solemn ordinance of baptism, and, with others, received the right hand of fellowship. But as the greatest blessing of those who love the spiritual good had received the initiatory rite in infancy, the above by no means shows the extent of good wrought in our midst. Beside this, the Church has been greatly quickened; the piety of our members has been deepened; many are anxious for perfect holiness. We have many Christian workers here, who join heartily with their pastor in helping on the ark of God. For the past we are thankful, and take courage for the future; indeed, we look on those visits from on high as a blessed preparation for the approaching camp-meeting. The two previous camp-meetings held here were eminently owned of God, and we look forward to the coming one in humble hope that it may be a time of "refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, who have accepted to the request of the committee to be present (D. V.) at the next camp meeting, has suggested that a day be set apart for humble, earnest prayer for the blessing of God on the service to be held. We have appointed Friday July 3rd, to be appropriated for that purpose, and we invite our brethren and friends of the sister Churches to join us in the general supplication, for the camp-meeting is not our only, but yours, and we trust it will be generous. Mr. Betts has labored on this circuit for the last three years, and we believe his labor has not been in vain, for there is unmistakable evidence that the seed sown in his field has brought forth fruit.

It is a subject of universal regret that he has to leave us, but it is our prayer that wherever he may be sent the Lord may be with him. A.

Miscellaneous.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

(From the Montreal Witness.)

HAMILTON, June 9.

The Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, the president in the chair.

The business of the Conference this morning more especially related to questions of law and discipline. It was decided that in the matter under consideration the proper course had been taken by the President and the Executive Committee.

MEMORIALS.

The Committee on memorials reported. The report was read by the Rev. Wm. Scott. It embraces a consideration of memorial and special resolutions, fourteen in number. The establishment of a book-room and weekly paper in Montreal is referred to the General Conference. In reference to the resolution of St. Thomas district, urging an increase of ministers' salaries in proportion to the increased costs of living and other expenses, this Committee recommends the subject to the favorable consideration of the General Conference, as involving not only the comfort and convenience of ministers and preachers, but also the welfare and advantage of the churches under the care of the Conference.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

A resolution from Newburg relating to the week of prayer in January was adopted. It recommends that the arrangements for missionary meetings made at the financial district meetings shall not interfere with the Union prayer meetings whenever that can be avoided.

RESOLUTION FROM THE DARLINGTON CIRCUIT.

recommending the annual conferences to enforce very stringently the regulations of the discipline in regard to collections and subscriptions for the Superannuated Ministers' Fund.

RESOLUTION FROM THE HAMILTON WEST CIRCUIT.

on a more strict observance of our rules respecting such diversions as cannot be used in the case of the Lord Jesus, was discussed at length. The evil practices which are creeping into some sections of the Church were strongly denounced. The debate was not closed at the time of adjournment, 12 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the opening of the Conference this afternoon the memorial committee concluded its report. The principle of the Hamilton resolution in regard to worldly amusements was adopted. The following resolution was also adopted by the Conference: "The Committee has considered with great care the memorial from the Ontario official meeting of the Perth Circuit on the aggression of Papacy, and the duty of Protestants in regard to Parliamentary elections, and would earnestly recommend to the Conference the importance of an increasing proclamation of the threats of the Gospel as the best antidote to error in doctrine and practice, and while acknowledging the right of ministers and members of our Church to use the franchise according to the dictates of conscience, would urge the importance of seeking to elevate to positions of trust and responsibility men of undoubted moral and religious characters. In accordance with the oft-repeated sentiment of this Conference, we would reiterate and endorse the well-known apostolic principle, 'All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient.'"

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The Conference then adjourned, and the annual meeting of the Victoria College was called, the President in the chair.

Dr. Nelles read the report, which was further explained by Mr. Kerr. The affairs of the College are in a more prosperous state than before. The reports were adopted.

DEPARTURE OF TWO FROM THE COLORED METHODIST CHURCH.

A deputation of two from the colored Methodist Church was received with excitement. They presented an address, which was responded to in a very cheerful manner.

HAMILTON, June 10.

Mr. Andrews read the Sabbath-school report. There are 1,002 scholars in connection with the school, being an increase of 33. The whole number of scholars is 9,617, showing an augmentation of 52. The whole number of scholars in attendance is 71,583, exhibiting an increase of 1,162. It is gratifying to record that 2,419 have united with the Church during the year. The school periodical ought to be established or else the *Advocate* should be issued weekly instead of semi-monthly. The committee recommends the continuance of the *Guardian*. Other suggestions were made and occasioned some discussion. The report was received, but some matters were laid over for further consideration.

The Secretary of the Conference read the annual report of the Book Committee, and also a comparative statement of the finan-

cial affairs of the book and printing establishments. The prosperity has been unprecedented; the circulation of the periodicals has steadily increased. The assets of the establishment are \$53,276, in excess of all liabilities. The Book Steward was highly commended for his ability and success in the management of the Book Concern. The Committee's reports, on motion were adopted.

THE CONFERENCE PROCEEDED TO THE ELECTION OF A BOOK STEWARD AND EDITOR.

The Rev. Samuel Rose was almost unanimously re-elected.

The Rev. E. H. Dewart was re-elected editor of the *Christian Guardian*. Both these elected officers addressed the Conference, expressing their thankfulness for the confidence reposed in them and their wish to employ their time and talents in the service of the Church.

A conversation arose on some suggestions introduced by the Rev. A. Halbur concerning the meetings of the Annual Conference. It was decided that they should meet and organize in Hamilton; that for the purpose of organization a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed pro tem.; that the Chairman of Districts be elected by ballot of the Annual Conference in Montreal; the Montreal Conference, the Toronto Conference in John St. Church, and the London Conference shall meet in King street Church.

The Secretary of the Stationing Committee was directed to separate the Conference in the re-publication of the stationing report. The Stationing Committee retired to complete its work.

The Rev. R. Jones took the chair of the Conference. The students who go to College were reported from the Educational Fund by Dr. Nelles. The amount of the fund was \$2,954. It was resolved that the Book Committee be requested to pay to the Superannuated Fund the sum of \$1,000.

In the afternoon Session of to day, Dr. Taylor received permission, at the request of the Dominion Government, to visit the British Isles and advocate the claims of Canada as a fit place for an enterprising population.

HAMILTON, June 11.

The Conference reassembled at 9 o'clock a.m.

The clerical and lay members of the Missionary Committee, who are appointed by the Conference, were nominated by the Rev. Dr. Wood, consisting of the President, co-Delegates and Secretary of the Conference, the Missionary Secretaries, the Book Steward and Chairman of Districts, Drs. Green, Byerson and Nelles, Revs. Jones, T. W. Jeffrey, John Potts, W. H. Poole, N. R. Willoughby, S. J. Hunter, Thos. Coaford, John Dantes, John Gemley, A. Sutherland and Chas. Fish; together with the following laymen: W. M. McDonald, Hon. J. Ferris, Hon. J. C. Aikens, John Torrance, A. W. Lauder, Wm. Clendinning, B. Brown, W. E. Sanford, Z. B. Lewis, W. T. Mason, Wm. Beatty, Samuel Rogers, Alex. Hamilton, Wm. Sawyer, James McPherson, Samuel Alcorn and Jas. Patterson, Esq., and the representatives elected by the respective district meetings.

The report of the Compensation Fund Committee was read by Rev. P. S. Keough. It constitutes a board for the consideration and settlement of such sums as shall be paid by ministers coming into Conference from other Christian bodies, in order that such persons may become full claimants on the superannuated minister's fund.

The Secretary of the Conference read the report of the Church Relief Fund Committee, and it was adopted. In addition to some relief afforded to needy church trustees, the report grants permission for the sale or exchange of properties.

The Rev. J. C. Slatyer presented the report of the Children's Fund Committee, which consists of the total receipts are \$2,434.56, while the payments for 922 children and incidental expenses amount to \$23,977.76. The number of claimants now on the fund are 752, being an increase of 30. The increase in the membership of the Church will enable the Treasury to pay \$26 to each child, with the present rate of thirty cents per member.

Rev. J. C. Slatyer, Treasurer, and Rev. J. W. Starr, Secretary, were re-appointed.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE.

Rev. J. G. Sanderson presented the report of the Committee on Church Architecture, recommending a uniform system in regard to preparing plans for churches, but the whole was referred to the General Conference.

A resolution was brought up from the Book Committee, recommending the appointment of a Sabbath-school editor.

The Rev. W. H. Withrow, M. A., was, on nomination, appointed.

The Ordination Class presented to the President a beautifully framed group of their own portraits, with the President's photograph in the centre. The President responded to the presentation in a very graceful and appropriate manner.

The superannuation fund was reported. The income was \$27,627.

The temperance committee was strongly favorable to the Temperance and Prohibitory Leagues of Ontario and Quebec.

The contingent fund committee reported the total income was \$7,479.

Dr. Taylor reported the increase in the missionary fund to be above \$6,000.

The final minutes were read; the Rev. J. Ryerson and Rev. J. Carroll led in prayer; the Doxology was sung, the President pronounced the benediction, and the Conference was dissolved.

approved members, 157, in Church fellowship, 570.

A HEBREW WEDDING.

The unusual event of a wedding celebrated in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Hebrew Church, took place this evening on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Jennie Cohen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Cohen of this city.

MR. MORRIS LEVY.

At two o'clock, the invited guests, (our reporter among the number) assembled at a large upper room of Hessel's Hall, at which place in due time came the bridal party—the bride and groom preceding, followed at stated intervals by the sons and other relatives, and lastly by the father, mother, and officiating minister, Rabbi H. E. Dann, from Boston.

The ladies took their places in the chief row, surrounding

THE BRIDE, WHO LOOKED LOVELY,

arrayed in a white luster dress, trimmed with point lace, and over her head a magnificent bridal veil.

THE GENTLEMEN ALL WITH THEIR HATS ON,

in token of the deep solemnity of the occasion, stood in another room, in one corner of which the groom said the prayers prescribed for the occasion. He was soon joined by the Rabbi and the bride's father, the Rabbi having donned the *Tallis* or holy garment which was engaged in prayer. At the proper time the Rabbi left the two engaged in prayer, and goes to the bride, and taking her by the hand, asks,

"ARE YOU SATISFIED TO MARRY THIS YOUNG MAN?"

The bride, grasping the Rabbi's hand, on this occasion answered, "Yes." While the Rabbi goes back to prayer the *Officiants* remain in the Marriage Heaven, and the men engage in the next room in evening prayers. These ceremonies being over, at a given signal the four bridesmaids, (who we may here remark all looked surpassingly lovely as become Hebrew maids on such an auspicious occasion) rose and, accompanied by four groomsmen, took their places in the front of a square before the raised dais. Into the hands of each of the four groomsmen was placed a

LONG RED WAND,

fastened to the end of which was a red cloth, with signs and symbols worked into it. This together formed the

MARRIAGE HEAVEN,

or canopy under which the couple took their stand. The father and mother conduct their daughter to the Marriage Heaven, and, standing well back, they face the Rabbi, who

TAKES A GLASS OF WINE,

pronounces a blessing, and hands the glass to the bride's father, who hands it to the groom. The "blest" man takes a sup, and hands back the glass to the father, who transfers it to the mother by whom the same ceremony is performed in the daughter. The "cup of blessing" is thus given to the couple, after which, the groom takes, at command of the Rabbi, the wedding ring, and places it on the fore finger of the bride's right hand, saying, as he does so:

"THOU ART COMBINED UNTO ME, WITH THIS RING ACCORDING TO MOSEAN LAW."

The Rabbi meanwhile takes from his robe a parchment on which is written in the Talmud language (in which language must be written all such sacred writings) the solemn contract of marriage between Jenny Cohen and Morris Levy. Then comes

THE TENTH CEREMONIAL,

which consists of the seven blessings repeated over another glass of wine. The glass of wine one of the groomsmen and one of the bridesmaids give to groom and the bride exactly as previously did the father and mother.

The large assembly of invited guests stood apart for a longer space, and an empty wine glass being handed to the Rabbi, it was upturned and placed on the floor in front of the couple. At a given signal the groom brought his right foot down upon upon the glass, and

BROKE IT INTO A THOUSAND PIECES.

This part of the ceremony symbolizes the ruin of the Temple and the destruction of Jerusalem, events never to be forgotten even in the midst of the most joyous events.

After this the Rabbi gave

THE HIGH PRIEST'S BENEDICTION,

when he went forth from the temple. Translated that benediction is: "The Lord bless and preserve thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

The Rabbi then explained that in this blessing included all present as well as the bride and groom. The Rabbi then left the dais, and the husband imprinted

A LONG AND LOVING KISS UPON THE CHEEK OF HIS WIFE,

saying as he did so, *Manos Tove*, which being interpreted, means "great love," signifying the indissoluble character of the contract entered into. Then father and mother and relatives and friends crowd around and say *Manos Tove*, following it up with a *Shema*.

After a few minutes spent in mutual congratulations, during which

EVERYBODY WEPT AND SMILED,

as people invariably do on such occasions, the company were invited to a sumptuous repast spread in another room, the particulars of which and subsequent ceremonies we shall give to-morrow.—*Halifax Rep.*

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Right royally, the *Telegraph* declares, has the Queen's representative in India grappled with his great duty, and that which he has achieved, namely, that he has brought India to a state of more loss of life than can be counted by scores—is in itself a triumph. Even if multiply the official return of deaths, and make liberal allowance for lazy people who are getting fudged for nothing, and the lakhs of rupees which must be expended, it is wasted