

tween the two nations so cordial as it is to-day. The only offensive utterances toward the Motherland that we have seen are in the pages of the *Irish World*, the organ of the Irish Roman Catholic Anglo-phobists. It fairly out-Herod's Herod in blatant pseudo-patriotism and denunciation of Great Britain; and its publishers have the consummate insolence to send special copies to Canadian papers. These same Celtic gentlemen, with their liberty-hating church, constitute the chief peril for the second century of the Republic. But the stern determination to keep the Bible in the public schools, and to repress the attempted domination of any Church will be the safeguard of civil and religious liberty.

The Centennial Exhibition is a grand success—the best the world has ever seen, say those who have witnessed them all. It was a happy thought when the City of Brotherly Love sent forth its invitations to all lands to celebrate the nation's hundredth birthday by an exhibition of the triumphs of peaceful industry, far more glorious than those of war.

The grand gathering of nations in the beautiful Fairmount Park is a true Field of the Cloth of Gold, more glorious than the painted pageantry of feudal and military pomp.

The splendid exhibit of Great Britain and Canada is just ground for our patriotic pride and congratulation. The action of the Centennial Commissioners in closing the Exhibition on Sunday, notwithstanding powerful pressure to a contrary course, is a grand testimony in the face of the world to the sanctity of the Sabbath, and to the fact that America is a Christian nation.

We present on the preceding page a cut of the Newspaper Pavilion on the Exhibition grounds. This structure is an appropriate recognition of the power of the Press, to which the United States owes so much. It contains partial files of nearly every periodical in the country and the Provinces, and the upper part forms

a convenient reading and writing room for the army of newspaper correspondents who chronicle this important event in the country's history. The enterprise is under the management of Mr. Geo. P. Rowell, the great advertising agent of New York.

THE CONFERENCES.

THESE annual gatherings have been seasons of very great interest. The religious services were attended with gracious spiritual influences. The public anniversaries were very largely attended, and, we doubt not, greatly furthered the objects for which they were held. The motion in favour of appointing a committee on nominations, which was carried after a lively debate in the London Conference, was carried almost without debate at all in the Toronto Conference, and was rejected altogether in the Montreal Conference. The appointment of a minister for a fourth year to the Dominion Church at Ottawa has excited considerable criticism; but the circumstances of the case are altogether exceptional, and the act cannot form a precedent.

The following honoured brethren were elected Presidents of the several Conferences: London Conference, Rev. G. R. Sanderson; Toronto Conference, Rev. Dr. Jeffers; Montreal Conference, Rev. Wm. Scott; Nova Scotia Conference, Rev. R. Temple; New Brunswick Conference, Rev. Robert Duncan. The details of the Newfoundland Conference have not yet reached us. Votes of thanks were given to the retiring Presidents for their important services, which contribute so much to the efficiency of our connexional operations. The Rev. Dr. Wood, the retiring President of the Toronto Conference, completed the tenth year of his presidency—a circumstance, we think, unique in the history of Methodism. For seven years he was President consecutively, and he now retires after two successive years' occupancy of the presidential chair.