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Church of Eastern British America,

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN. Called again as we are in the duties of our Annual Session to review the condition

of our churches and adjust our instrumentpeople in the most effective manner, We, your Pastors and Brethren-beloved, approach you in our annual address: Greeting you in the name of the Lord.

Grace be with you, mercy and peace,

deep interest. Candour, frankness, and a first-class family and religious newspaper; ment, have characterized our discussions. organ, it may obtain a wide circulation great spiritual pleasure and profit.

work of God has been graciously revived; of the Gospel. souls have been saved, and the churches edified. Many of our members have died in the faith and hope of the Gospel, realizing its power to sustain their spirits amid the failing of the heart and flesh, and to seeking, by direct labour and prayer, the cheer them with its glowing prospect of early conversion of our children; and we assured, however, that at present the glorious as any chapter of the great Meth-

ence, is chastened with feelings of sadness people. occasioned by the bereavements which we for whose glory they had lived and laboured. With two of them worn out by the labours and vicissitudes of many years of active and faithful service, the day of life closed with a smiling sunset and a pleasing night, and were followed, we believe, with a glorious morn, amid the scenes and triumphs of the glorified. The other, while diligently and cheerfully pursuing the high and holy work in which for fifty years he had earnestly engaged, suddenly received the grateful summons, and went up from the toils of the earthly Sabbath to the tireless services of the heavenly. The service held in memory of the departed was one long to be remembered. As we thought of your pure minds by way of remembrance." their Godly counsel, their rich experience, their holy zeal, their consistent lives and triumphant deaths, many eyes were wet and many hearts beat high in response to the sentiment of the familiar stanza with which the service was closed :-

"Oh, may I triumph so! when all my warfare's

interest in them, especially manifested by tices of the world, then will our glory sake. necessary extension of our work within unspotted from the world. Withdraw from nal life." the bounds of our Conference, and the its vanities, its pleasures, and "Now unto Him that is able to keep you row, bigoted, uncultivated retailer of the ex-

attention of our Christian young men to circles, and we are everywhere to be felt to the great necessity which exists for an be Christians. You know the tendency of increase of workmen in the vinevard of the the present day (even among many calling Lord, and to ask if there are not those themselves after the name of Christ) is to among them who feel that the claims of fashionable folly and dissipation-to extrav-Christ, of the Church, and of perishing agance in dress and manner-to indulgmen should lead them to devote themselves, ence in worldly amusements-in dancing spirit, soul and body, to the work of the and card-playing-charades, private and

Christian ministry? We gratefully acknowledge the cordial things of that class. Suffer us to remind liberality with which you have responded you that "we have not so learned Christ;" to our appeal on behalf of our Supernu- and if you retain the life and power of merary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' vital godliness within your souls, you will Fund. To this Connexional interest too neither indulge in these things nor yet have And through unwithering woodlands. far and much importance cannot be attached. It desire after them. We are led to be someis but meet and right that they who have what specific, for we fear lest in some of Float hymns of happy souls, like bird-songs exhausted their energies in freely impart- our families there may be permitted in ing to you the riches of the Gospel should social life some indulgence not wholly conin their age and feebleness receive at your sistent with our profession, and quite at hands that support to which, on account of variance with the practice of our fathers. And somewhere clasped within its boundle their faithful services, they are so eminently But the radical cure of social evils is to be

An Educational Society has this year and we exhort you to seek with increased Fulfil your dreams of immortality? been formed. It contemplates placing our diligence and prayerfulness for the down- My fear is, to be left of you alone rising Collegiate Institution more fully be- shedding of the Holy Ghost upon you and fore our intelligent and appreciative people, your families—that instead of social levity and the securing increased aid towards the there may be that becoming Christian That of God's guardiauship no soul can fail education of candidates for our ministry. sobriety which not only impresses but But, whether on dusk oceans drifted slow,

We cordially invite our friends to join us always gives additional weight to the testi- Or swift through populous starry streets we go, is exercised in reference to those who, in the which such extensive travel necessitates, if the CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING To the Members of the Weslevan Methodist in membership in this Society. mony of the lips and life.

It affords us unfeigned delight to report It is not unfitting for us, in view of the We mortals vail such depths of loneliness our churches and congregations.

vouchsafe to us many tokens of His favour. would remind you that at our own Deposit-The hand of the Lord has been upon us ory you may obtain a literature interesting, for good. On some of our Circuits the instructive, and baptized with the influences

We are pleased to note such gratifying returns from the Sabbath-school Department of our work. We are more than services during our Conference Session bearing follower of the meek and lowly past, and that, proving true to her princi- were of the most interesting and profitable Jesus. ples, our record in the future will be as character, and we trust to receive your hearty co-operation as we devote ourselves The hallowed joy which we are wont to earnestness of prayer to seeking in our

supernumerary relation. largely share your sympathies, and be constantly remembered in your prayers.

Nine young men of more than ordinary promise having honourably completed their probation, have been set apart to the full work of the Christian ministry; and four teen others having passed the usual examinations, have been received as candidates

In addressing you, beloved brethren, God." from time to time as custom sanctions and circumstances make proper, we do not personal spiritual religion being sacrificed; Christ. and we would most impressively urge upon the relations of life, and its influence is to Amen. We also feel constrained to direct the be seen in business, domestic and social

public theatricals, and many other worldly

that our educational institutions at Mount tendency of these times to scepticism and Allison are in a high state of efficiency, free thought, to urge you to hold fast the And with the hope of heaven's complete redand are becoming increasingly popular, essential doctrines which, held by our The superior literary advantages which the fathers, honoured so fully the atonement of For earthly losses! Failing of that balm, course of tuition there is designed to im- Christ and the agency of the Lord, the How can we have the heart for chant or psalm of our churches and adjust our instrumentalities to meet the spiritual wants of our
people in the most effective manner. We

Course of tuition there is designed to interpret to the judgment of the judgment of tuition there is designed to interpret our life as more than meaningless?

Spirit, and have made our ministry efficient to the conversion and sanctification of sin
Yet noble work will there go nobly on; cised, enable us to recommend these Estab- ful men. You will not fail to prize the ments to the patronage and prayers of all spiritual standard of our theology, the doc- Will make a grander scope when earth is got trines and experiences which are distinctly Mine, haply, must in solitude be wrought, It is with pleasure we advert to the the glory of our Church. Let us never Or, with heaven's foreigners, I may be brough improved condition of our Book Room and forget that religion is nothing else than the Never to those I knew time's road upon. from God the Father, and from the Lord Publishing Office in Halifax, under the earnest life of God in the soul—the present You, best beloved, may new neighbours find Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in able management of our Book Steward witness by the Holy Ghost of a full and and Editor, Dr. Pickard. The "Provin- free salvation through the blood of Christ. With every upward reach of heart and mind Our Conferential Session has been one of cial Wesleyan" maintains its position as a If this present life of God be lost—if the Toiling among them for some glorious end, witness of full acceptance be lost, we have Perhaps you will wholly forget the friend kindly interchange of thought and senti- and we trust that, as our Connexional lost the peculiar feature of our profession which distinguished our fathers, and made Shall we, then, grow more saintly, waxing cold The religious services have been seasons of among our people. We here take occasion them worthy to suffer shame for Christ's to warn you against the injurious influence sake. "If this life of God truly abide in The tenderness that breathing lips have You will rejoice with us to learn that the of much of the literature that is exten- us, it will appear in all fruits of holiness in Doth not God speak in every human call? Great Head of the Church continues to sively circulated at the present day, and the conduct, in acts of pure and exalted Loss is it from one trusted heart to fall, morality, in kindness and a diberal philanthropy, in self-denials of all reasonable and scriptural kinds, and in a consistent observ- Still, in that ample realm none may intrude ance of all the ordinances of the Gospel, and the duties of Church membership."

The present day is remarkable for uncertain and vague doctrines, and for low types Might we not sometimes hide even from the ever impressed with the importance of of religious experience. Rationalism, or the religion of nature, on the one hand, and Ritualism, or the religion of form, on the glory and immortality. Owing chiefly to urge upon you to keep this subject, as one other, are in combined hostility to superemigration, we are unable to report a large of the greatest magnitude, involving the natural and spiritual religion; and while it increase in our membership. We feel very existence of the Church itself, before is respectable and fashionable to be reliyour minds, upon your hearts, and in your gious, it is by no means a fashionable thing not greater, than that of any period in the convictor of the convictor of

with more self-denying efforts and greater many at the present time, we would remind you that you are not to esteem lightly Until the dark with day-spring overflows, experience when, after the toils and dan-Sabbath-schools and by faithful instruction the obligations implied in your Church-And the bowed heart is crowned with blissful gers of the year we assemble in Confer- and counsel the salvation of our young relationship. We would invite you, therefore, to read often and ponder well the Five of our highly-esteemed and beloved General Rules of our Church—the rules have sustained. Three of our venerated fathers and brethren, owing to infirmity concerning class-meeting, and all rules ari Hiding my own heart's dream, however dear and dearly-beloved fathers, having fought a and failing health induced by their abund- sing from your relations to your pastors All that concerneth me will He fulfil; good fight, finished their course and kept ant labours, have been compelled to seek a and brethren. Do not lightly esteem any No drop of joy His steady hand can spillreward from the hand of the Divine Master, they shall not be forgotten by you, but shall those which, providentially having their origin in the origin of our Church, have God to the spiritual growth and stability of our membership. "We exhort you to becometh the living and loving family of

or yours, and therefore would we "stir up idle or unprofitable conversation, but a day morning over the nonsense (for which his name We are not without somewhat of anxious earnest and devoted labour to secure the ble) which must pass under the eyes of the concern lest the worldliness of the present salvation of souls. As your ministers, we day should "corrupt your minds from the are more than ever determined to be men tion of sending their own carefully prepared simplicity of the Gospel." We know the of one work—to devote ourselves to His briefs to the editors, or ot securing their own danger there is, in high social position and service, who laid down His life for the reporters. increased means, of the vital interests of sheep. We consecrate ourselves anew to

We seek at the altar of consecration the torial comment and criticism. We have of late past,
And, dying, find my latest foe under my feet you to guard against everything that would baptism of fire—the power of the Holy therefore, obtained a new, quite peremptory, in any wise serve to do away with the Ghost, which can alone make us able min- and indisputable standard of pulpit propriety In passing to the consideration of our essential distinction between the people of isters of the New Testament. We preach and orthodoxy. The doctrines of the theologivarious Connexional Institutions, we rejoice the world and the people of God. If we not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord in the evidence afforded of your growing partake of the spirit or indulge in the prac- and ourselves your servants for Jesus'

your increased liberality in the sustenation depart, and we shall lose that distinctive "Finally, brethren, farewell." "Be Christians, and esteemed as vital to secure of our Missionary operations. It is a mat- character which has been to us at once a perfect." "Be of good cheer." "Build- spiritual life, genuine charity, and the favor of ter of special gratification to observe an name and a praise in all the earth. We ing yourselves on your most holy faith, and God, are treated as of small account, and any increase of \$1400 in the Foreign, and \$500 exhort you to hold forth our peculiar doc- praying in the Holy Ghost; keep yourin the Home Mission income for the year. trines and discipline in your creeds and in selves in the love of God, looking for the We are compelled, however, owing to the the habits of your lives. Keep yourselves mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ unto eter-

many importunate appeals which are con- its customs. "If we are the friends of the from falling and to present you faultless ploded traditions of another age. Especially tinually being made for more labourers in world we are the enemies of Christ." before the presence of His glory with will this be the case if the simple and searching fields already white unto the harvest, still "Ye are not of the world even as Christ exceeding great joy, to the only wise God, principles of the Bible are applied to passing more urgently to press the claims of our was not of the world." We have need of our Saviour, be glory and majesty, domi- events, to party measures, or to well-known Home Missions upon your enlightened and reminding you that religion enters into all nion and power, both now and ever." persons in elevated social positions. Any ex-

Signed on behalf and by order of the Conference.

H. PICKARD, PRESIDENT. DUNCAN D. CURRY.

Yarmouth, N. S., June 29th, 1870.

LOOKING FORWARD.

Beyond the boundaries of the grave send I One only, for myself. Beneath God's eye The eternal mountains rise in sunshine clear,

Somewhere in that large, beautiful unknown, My place will be:

found in a revival of spiritual religion; O spirits I have clung to here, will ye

With outward calm.

Whose gifts will blend You walked with in green pastures, left behin

Though shipwrecked, among splendours man

Of separate, inmost being. It he could, We should wish back our mortal shell again For shelter and seclusion; should complain,

Unto his side In any world, without a willing mind?

Who needs me not, must not with me abide

Life's perfect rose. And in view of the danger there is in A heart divinely human, through the gloom the opinions and practices prevailing among Throbs like a guiding tootstep-warms and

MENT

To supply the constant demand for new ma walk by the same rule, to mind the same ter to fill the columns of the daily press, as well things," Brethren, let all your gifts be as to secure the favor of the religious portion of employed for each other's edification, and the community, all the great moral and relig-"let your unity and fellowship, and zeal jous gatherings of the day are quite fully reportand mutual sympathy, ever be such as ed; and the habit has been growing of late of reproducing quite extensively what purports to have been the principal thoughts of the Sabbath discourses of proficient ministers. It is only in Think much of, prize highly the Chris-rare instances, however, that any satisfactory tian Sabbath : let it be a delightsome day idea of the sermon actually delivered is given, -not a day for visiting or lounging-for and many a clergyman blushes on Monday for worship, for meditation and prayer, for at the head of the report, makes him responsimany thousand readers of the daily papers.

By a very natural process, the sermon, having been reported, becomes the subject of edical schools and learned authorities are, without the least hesitation or qualification, set aside. Even the fundamental truths of the New Testament, as generally received by evangelical clergyman who earnestly preaches the doctrines of the cross, and the peril of man, unless an eccentric or a commanding genius has given him a strong hold upon the public attention, is with little civility, dismissed in a paragraph as a narposition of revealed truth that seems to discriminate against any respectable person, especially if he be a man of generous impulses and of decent morals, or that intimates the possibility that any gentleman will have any trouble in submitting his life to the solemn review of the

inal judgment, is, by this new and decisive tribunal, accounted simply as puerile superstition. The purely religious articles sometimes found in our secular newspapers are, most of them. By this affecting ceremony all that is involved and so should always be the house of God .-probably published at advertising rates by the in the agony of the garden and in the death on Methodist. society established for this purpose. In view Calvary is, by our Lord's own command, to be of the wide circulation of some of these sheets kept freshly in the minds of Christian disciples throughout the country, and the influence of until he comes again. At this moment those this pervading leaven of opposition to experi- ministers in England and in the United States mental piety, especially over the youth of the who preach most directly the una orned docommunity, the association referred to has been trines of grace, and who most rarely turn aside British Wesleyan Methodist Conference show Our Resolution directs especial attention to established, and has expended the means intrusted to it in inserting evangelical articles in ences, and are making the most powerful imthe daily papers. But these short, pious es- pression upon their generation. Thus will it be Members on trial, says or incidents are occasional, while the un- even unto the end. "And I, if I be lifted up Losses by death. friendly sneers and criticisms are constant.

While so many daily teachers pouring contempt upon the still humbling doctrines of the cross, penetrating all our families, competing for ascendency over the minds of young people, with our clergymen and academic professors, it is not surprising that an atmosphere of unbe-

those who, out of the Church, do not transgress matic changes it has passed through.

has, its reformatory power over the community, mercial value is concerned, is to be found in the by the Co-Delegate in a few well chosen words, an impression upon the morals of Christian so- ship the other. outward vices and crimes cannot now be so apparent as in former and more immoral days.

reason to suspect the genuineness of piety that the preceding year, showing an increase of the parent as in former and more immoral days.

changes with the seasons; that glows with intheir domestic affairs, and in their social life cases, the suspicion is often aroused that relibelievers and unbelievers. The eminently generous and noble traits of certain men unconnection to the very being, it is not thus easily laid in England—there was no collection at that gathered into the Churches, and the singular him wherever he rests. moral perversities of certain individuals con- There are in the most of churches a few faith- and poor, they received many rebuffs and were

the little value of Christian creeds and Church weekly prayer-meeting, he may safely assume He would rather call them "Collectors of the The daily newspaper system of religion is he as much expects to find them there as he could not get his own money in! He had let it emphatically "Broad Church." Indeed, it is expects to be there himself, and he is not often out to men but could not get in even the interdifficult to see who is to be left out from its disappointed. There are others, however, who est of it. He was very thankful that the Colcomprehensive charity. The important ques- are seldom found in such meetings unless there lectors had been so successful. He thought a tion, however, is, which is to be the authorita- is some unusual interest manifested. Instead of great deal more might be done, especially if tive standard of piety before God—the modern press or the New Testament? In a matter of usually stay away; whereas, in place of com—the young men were trained up for this work. He thought something more might be done in so much moment to every individual, and in- plaining of want of interest in the meetings, this way among ourselves. He had obtained volving such eternal results, to whom shall we they ought to go, and by their presence make books and issued them during the year, and the go for a decisive answer but unto Him who them interesting. came from God? We either have, or we have Now, we do not mean to say that attendance came from God? We either have, or we have not, an inspired Book, whose interpretation on prayer-meeting is an absolute test of piety, to find the increase so great this year—it was \$1419. This in view of the efforts to support upon all these points is so simple that an ordinary mind can comprehend its meaning. If but while this is true, it is also true that the Home Mission Fund was gratifying. Many our Scriptures are not from God, then we have really pious who delight in these meetings, are persons thought the Home Mission Fund would no authoritative standard of virtue and piety. present whenever they can be, and regret the cripple the Foreign Mission Fund—then we The New Testament has but one voice, and it necessity which occasionally compels their ab-

Nazareth. "He that believeth on Him is not corruptions of the world. condemned: but He that believeth not is con- To all such, the rare attendance of many

Church, find his opportunity, perhaps by the spiritual foes. It-takes a long time, and painthe humblest and unexpected means, to call the fully taxes the resources of the Church and the vagrant faith of Christendom back again to his ing condition again.

from the earth, will draw all men unto me."_ Losses by removal, Christian Advocate.

SUMMER RELIGION.

lief should be engendered around us, and that ment: "Warranted to keep in any climate." the Churches and ministry should be more or The package may be taken by the adventurous eighty-three. less affected by it. The received doctrines of explorer to the Polar Seas, it may cross oceans, the Bible have been greatly toned down. Polite be carried over continents, be taken into the pews are restive under the plain and imperative heart of Africa in short, it may go around the morals for one's self, a religion for one's self! ing light of the reformation, in the rays of

Welcome will be loved voices, calling "Hail!" Church, support liberally its institutions, but statement on the guarantee be correct, it will give no heed to its discipline, as well as for come back home unaffected by the various cli-

There are other articles of trade which will A secret hope is permitted to grow up, with- not endure the changes of travel. They serre Yarmouth, on Wednesday Evening, 22nd June, out Scripture inspiration or encouragement, a good purpose in the land where they are manuthat, by certain "uncovenated mercies of God," factured, but a transition to another clime afthose who do not accept Christ as a Saviour tects their essential properties and considerably pied the Chair. modifies their character, if indeed it does not The Nation last week mentions, as one rea- totally destroy them. The difference between son why the pulpit has lost, as some think it the two classes of articles, so far as their comthat the Church has already produced such fact that the trader can ship one while he cannot after which the Secretary, Rev. G. S. Milligan,

ciety, and developed such a power of consci-The mass of respectable people, not commu-tense zeal at certain times, and suddenly cools nicants of the Church, are, outwardly as mo- to an icy chilliness at others; that exhibits re- cess and to the printing of the Report, was ral, and equally as noticable for general honesty markable activity in some places, and relapses moved by Rev. John Winterbotham. He said as are the average members of the Churches, into positive indifference when situations are In their business relations, in the conduct of changed. We are not surprised that, in such a text. He had been at a loss to study it in there is no outward marked distinction between gion is a mere outside garment to be put on or spoke of financial success. We had no report ed with the Church are made to stand for the aside, but accompanies its possessor, travelling meeting. He did not know how it came to be characteristics of the great body of persons not with him over land and sea, and abiding with forgotten. The same mistake had not been

nected with religious denominations are urged ful souls on whom the pastor can rely at all sometimes called unpleasant names-sometimes in comparison as representative illustrations of times. If their faces are absent from the designated "Beggars." That was not correct. that they are unavoidably detained. As a rule, Lord's money." It was strange that the Lord

clearly affirms, "There is none other name sence. Wherever such are, they carry with not so. He said " put all the irons in and get under heaven given among men whereby we them as a part of their moral being a truly remust be saved," except the name of Jesus of ligious spirit, which keeps them pure amid the

demned already, because he hath not believed who belong to the Church is a source of pain numerical success. Then there was spiritual in the name of the only begotten Son of God." and of anxiety; to the others who neglect, the There is, undoubtedly throughout Christen- habit becomes chronic, until months are perdom. at this hour, a marked tendency to specu- mitted to pass without their presence among lative belief. The leaders, in the various prov- the people of God. This is especially true of inces of literature, both fugitive and permanent, the summer season. Many Christians take a contributed more than anything else under NEWSPAPERS AND THE NEW TESTA- esthetic and scientific, are unbelievers, in the vacation so far as religious privileges are consense of the words of Jesus as quoted above. cerned-a vacation which lasts from three to This is true in Europe, and is becoming more six months, according to circumstances. Not not get me;" but they had got him and now he universally the fact in the United States. The content with a little necessary relaxation from reacher of Plymouth Church, in Brooklyn, in business, of which no reasonable person can new of the present condition of things in the complain, they take a much larger relaxation ing the King of the Cannibal Islands. He religious world, prophecies a revolution, what- from religious duties and privileges. These never thought that King would become a ever he may mean by the use of this term. Whe- persons, be it remembered, are not to be found ther he expects a revolt from the present forms, among those who have labored hard in the from creeds, or from modes of evangelization, Church, and who might, therefore, be supposed the report of his remarks at a late meeting did to need rest, so much as among those who have not state. The divine plan heretofore, in hours toiled the least; and another singular fact is. still die well. He blessed the Lord that many of prevailing unbelief, has been to awaken a re- that when their long spiritual vacation ends, formation rather than to occasion a revolution, they do not return to church-work with the And this may be looked upon as the next great same vigor and elasticity with which they enevent in the religious world. By providential gage in worldly concerns. Morally speaking, measures the great Head of the Church, who their muscles are rigid, and their joints manifest has all power in heaven and in earth, will, as a sad lack of lubrication, as though they had he has often heretofore, in the exigencies of his been badly used in some rough encounter with

> We know that to a certain extent religious We do not yield our minds to any serious services in the summer, especially on week orebodings as to the issue of the present restnights, are more sparsely attended than in win\$1419, but \$1446.52; of that amount his own less. dissastisfied, transitional condition of the ter from legitimate and uncontrollable causes; intellectual and religious world. The true, in- but we firmly believe that this extent does not visible, spiritual Church-while undoubtedly it reach so far as many imagine. If a man can is benumbed by the worldly spirit and opinions go to a political caucus at the close of a hard of its members, somewhat distracted by contro- day's work, he can go to a prayer-meeting. If versies upon powerless ceremonies, and weakthe pleasure-seeker can go, at the end of a urged to accept the living at Epworth, but he ened by the attitude of a vast semi-political long summer day, to a hot, stifling place of body, arrogating to itself exclusive authority amusement, the child of God ought to be able over conscience, and pretending to hold the to meet his brethren in his Father's house. keys of life and death—has at no previous period numbered more disciples, or a purer and true here as in many other cases. If all who we are led to exclaim, "What hath God more active ministry; neither has it ever enjoy- can would attend the services of the Church, ed so many facilities for working out, upon the and, if necessary, would make some little sacriearth the benign purposes of its Author. The fice to attend, there would never be any lack of had been times when things looked gloomy, evangelical denominations were never so heart- interest in our meetings from want of numbers. ily united in their common work as at the present hour, and whatever dissatisfaction and doubt close many of the churches during one or two may be exhibited in the instance of individuals months of the summer. We have never been ot a peculiar temper and training, who are able to see the necessity for this. Admitting seeking from time to time, with considerable that the majority of the congregation are out clamor, for more liberal communions, the great of town, what are the minority to do? What body of the membership of all these Churches are strangers to do who transiently visit the with self-gratulation, but with gratitude. It were never more thoroughly satisfied, on the city and desire some place where they can worwhole, with the substance of doctrine forming ship? The house of God ought never to be the hereditary faith, nor more zealous in pro-If only a few can come, let them have the pri-The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a vilege, and let there be some one there to lead lution. monumental assurance that the world will have their devotions. The devil has no vacation; no other means of salvation besides the cross, the houses that lead to hell are always open,

BRITISH WESLEYAN NUMERICAL

the year, reached the large number of 23,946; tre of military glory and renown, as the home yet the net increase of members is 2,833. All of Martin Luther, the land of the Reformation, the thirty-four districts report losses by remov- and the scenes of such revolutions as augur al, (reported this year for the first), varying hopefully for the future of Christ's kingdom. articles of merchandise the assuring announce- severally from 104 to 1,168 per District. The total number of candidates for the ministry is

The Annual Missionary Meeting of the Auxiliary Missionary Society of the Conference of E. B. America was held in Wesley Church.

The meeting was opened by singing the 679th hymn and prayer by Rev. James England.

A.M., read the Report. The receipts of our own auxiliary for the ence, that the ministers' success in removing ence between true and talse piety. We have year had been \$12786.69 against \$11340.17 for

> The first Resolution, which referred to suche was sure he ought to feel thankful for such Young people on his Circuit had brought in nearly one hundred pounds. He was pleased

The Report showed numerical success Could he obtain the number of souls converted during the past year he would be able to state the those Servants of His who have laboured

should have too many irons in the fire. It was

An African chief once said to a Missionary-" I know you are praying for me, but you will is an honour to his nation and a blessing to the Church. When a boy he used to talk of shoot-Methodist Local Preacher. The work was go-

ing on. Talk about success-many a tear had of them had gone home to heaven. Could we see them there crowned with glory he was sure we would take up the song "Hallelujah for the

Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

The Rev. C. Comben seconded the Resolution. He said he thought no one would doubt Bro. Winterbotham's orthodoxy since he talked so much about money. The Secretary also seemed to have faith in money. Everybody Church to a higher consecration, and draw the skill of the pastor, to get them into good workat the minister who talked of money. Without money the work could not be carried on. He would correct a mistake made by the former speaker: the increase this year was not District (Newfoundland) gave a considerable sum. The Report spoke of the Methodist Church. That Church was a Missionary Church now as in the beginning. Mr. Wesley was language was, "The world is my parish." Mr. Wesley's sons in the Gospel were not ashamed of this motto. Sir, as we stand and look back wrought!" Wherever we look-to the north or south-we find the Methodist Church senddo?" But we could still trust in God. He regarded the Reports of the Society as 'stones of help." The stone set up by Samuel served two purposes-it served to inspire with gratitude and to encourage confidence. When content himself by simply seconding the Reso-

The second Resolution was moved by Rev

Leonard Gaetz, as follows :--That this meeting rejoices to hear of the spread of Evangelical Christianity on the continent of Europe, and views the progress of our missions there as very encouraging to all who long for its millions to be freed from the corruptions of human systems, and as affording a loud and indubitable call to persevere in publishing the pure Gospel of the grace of God

the "continent of Europe," as fields of incom-348,359 parable interest, from whatever stand-point 20,407 viewed. We are expected to-night to look 5,758 upon Europe not so much as the birth-place of poetry, the cradle of literature, the depository The total loss by death and removal during of classic lore, the gallery of arts, or the thea-

This land has long been subject to the "corruptions of human systems." This is sad, but not strange. The two prominent corruptions are Infidelity and Roman Catholicism. The A rule of conscience for one's self, a code of discoveries of gross hypocrisy by the streamdenunciations of Scripture. An elastic charity world, and in spite of the atmospheric changes By their nature, these things cannot be private. which priests appeared as deceivers, monks as