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THE LATE WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.

It must ever be interesting for the friends and ministers of Christ to meet, exchange views and feelings, and deliberate on and determine measures that relate to the most important of all subjects, the advancement of the interests of true religion and the glory of God. But we think a Methodist Conference has peculiar interest. There is a unity of feeling and an identity of interest among itinerants, who stand on a common level with regard to allowances and immunities; who, by the system of rotation, are brought into contact with the same localities and become interested in the same flocks; and as they have all been, more or less, the subject of many an exciting adventure, there is a strong feeling of sympathy and brotherhood which produces an amount of familiarity and heartiness not often found in any other class of men.

This feeling was particularly strong thirty years ago, when we first became acquainted with the Conference. Then we had no Missionary and District Meetings to bring the brethren together, through the year, as they are now frequently brought. The few laborers were then scattered wide, on far distant and isolated fields of labor, in many cases with traceless forests, almost impassible roads, and bridgeless streams between. Then the other facilities for travel and intercourse were far inferior to the present. There were no railroads, and but few steamboats, and of these but few of these moneyless bush-laborers could avail themselves. There