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The Baily Recorder.

TORONTO, SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 1874. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED

Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, and British fitting introduction of the laity of Toronto to Columbia, has now an organic union with their distinguished guests as a Conference. the co-ordinate body in New Brunswick, To those present, it will no longer be an Nova Scotia. Prince Edward's Island, and abstraction, or a mere piece of ecclesiastical Newfoundland. With this organic union organization, but a living real personal one of the younger and minor, yet highly re- entity, with warm loving hearts, with spectable bodies is now comprehended. This great thrilling thoughts, animated with a is an arrangement, which if judiciously and noble enthusiasm for the glory of God and faithfully carried out, is likely to economise the welfare of our country. We have seen the employment of laborers and the outlay in the flesh some whose names have long of money. Furthermore, unification, if been familiar in our mouths as household rightly managed, contributes to purity and words. We have heard their voices. Our discipline. Small public bodies, with many hearts have responded with a throb of generrivals, are often obliged to make complian- ous sympathy to theirs. ces and to surrender vital points of church discipline in order to retain the patronagenof that Canada is a nation—one and indivisible rich, but purse-proud, capricious, and exacting individuals, who often have to be pleased feeling, that of loyalty to God and country, at the expression of truth and purity. This has been often most wofully exemplified in Canada.

Yet, on the other hand, numerical and consequently material strength, is not without its dangers. It becomes a matter of wordly interest with many to belong to of the important speeches delivered. W such a rich and influential body. Wordly can here only make hasty comment on som neediness will, therefore, gravitate towards of them. The urbane Book Steward preit. The danger is then of its becoming filled sided with grace and dignity. Dr. Ryerup with people of more worldly associations, son, to whom, with loving familiarity. "who mind earthly things." To be fore- we like to apply the phrase, "the old man warned of this danger, is one of the ways of eloquent," was in his best vein, and made being forearmed. Every minister, preacher, powerful and impressive speech. He prolay-official, and private member of the great nounced a grand eulogy on the glorious united body should ask himself, "Shall we liberty, civil and religious, that we enjoy, preserve our traditional piety, nonconformity | He reminded us that it was not always so. to the world, and real for the salvation of that it was won by many a hard fought souls and extension of the Gospel, or shall fight, not with material but with moral we relapse into a dead, formal, fashionable, and spiritually powerless church?" What ference on the ground of our common Methcan we do to preserve the former, and to avoid the latter?" We answer, it is the many united that make the sum total; and it is the aggregate of individual piety which makes up the religious character of a church. Each person is concerned in this matter, and contributes to the end in one direction or another. Everyone, therefore, should seek to have and keep his own soul eminently alive to God; a godly ministry and a holy membership are the great desiderate of the chnrch. But this is a matter which belongs At a period when iniquity abounds, when to each individual. Said Philip Henry, "If gilded vice faunts her attractions, and when each person would sweep opposite his own ritualism and heresy endeavor to corrupt premises, there would be a clean street." the truth of God, it is well to welcome men Eminent sanctity of heart and life is indis- who rally round the old Bible doctrines. pensible to an eminent and truly efficient and who will discharge their duty to the ministry. Here is the "hiding of their church and the world. The times of pulling power:" "Let the rising ministry of the down, he hoped had passed, and the time thurch, who naturally aspire to eminence, for building up had come. We must build remember this. And let the laity, even the so strong and stably that the gates of hell wealthy and socially influential laity of shall not prevail against us. the church also think of this. They are under obligation to serve God gularly easy and graceful. His pictures of better than the poorer, the less educated, and less influential. See to it that you do came mighty agencies and institutions, and not conform yourselves and families to the the application to the present gathering were frivolities which characterize those who oc- remarkably felicitious. We will not mar cupy the same social status in the world its beauty by any remarks of ours, but around. Remember that conscientious and promise our readers a rich enjoyment in the consistent goodness is the highest of all full report. respectability. Even the world respects the uncomplying and uncompromising Christian. chaste and elegant diction, scintillating When Judge McLean, of the M. E. Church, with gleams of of delicate humor, conveyed United States, a leader and local-preacher, the acknowledgments of the N. C. Church, assigned as a reason for breaking off an for which he spoke, for the kindly hospitality interesting legal discussion at the time of of their Toronto hosts, and his personal a Supreme Court by saying, as he pulled out gratification at the widened Christian fellowhis watch and ascertained the hour, "Ex- ships he enjoyed. cuse me, gentlemen, it is the time of my class-meeting, and I must go," a non- the Nova Scotia Methodists. His speech was professing but observant lawyer exclaimed a rare treat of blended wit and wisdom. His as the Judge got beyond hearing, "There, comilal surprise at the welcome extended to was added to the Educational Committee.

are the secret of its vitality and vigor.

Let faithful preaching be continued by the ministry, and upheld by the people. Huge in frame, with massive head, deep Brother, if the exercise of your ministry in chested voice, and magnetic spell of speech larger congregation to preach to, be thank- those who, knowing him for years through by decrying the preacher's strenuousness and remarked, are colossal. petitioning him away!

ourselves to God anew, consecrating ovrselves spoke with generous enthusiasm of the re to fervent devotion, Bible reading, family ligious history and religious needs of that after the poor of the flock, seeking to open hold on our sympathy than fit ever had new fields of labor at home, and to spread before the Gospel abroad with an energy and a irelessness which never characterized us

THE WELCOME MEETING.

The meeting last night was a grand occa sion. The attendance was large; the welcome right royal; the responses hearty and elo-The oldest and largest Methodist body in quent; the music magnificent. It was a

> Some of us felt, as we never felt before -with grandest possibilities before it. One

> We have already, as Mr. Wilkes remarked, brought Newfoundland in the Confederacy Methodistically, and it only remains for our rulers to secure her political allegiance.

We will give in future issues the full text weapons. He was glad to welcome the Conodism, and to see those once alienated now sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He shook hands with them all in

The speech of R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P. the varied attainments in theology and literlife of our guests, whom he welcomed as men true, tried and trusted among Methodists.

The address of Mr. Macdonald was sinthe small beginnings of what afterwards be

The Rev. D. D. Savage, in an address of

The Hon. J. L. Shannon replied on behalf

I thank God I have seen one live Christian." a lot of lawyers, sheriffs, and other suspicious Ah, how much more respectable it is to characters, against whom most persons would to the Nominating Committee, as to the proattend our class and stand up for it, instead bolt their doors, created uproarious amuseof neglecting and decrying it. Out on such ment—especially his admonition to look out Methodists, as will share the benefits to for the silver spoons and plate. Nor will which Methodism has raised them, and yet his eloquent description of the grand uproot the institutions and practices which scenery, natural resources, and historic associations of Nova Scotia be soon forgotten.

Bishop Peck is a grand specimen of a man. a populous body of Christians gives you a he more than realized the anticipations of ful for it; but see to it, that you neither his books, and regarding him with loving soften God's words, nor smooth your tongue." veneration for his apostolic labors, now saw And, ye hearers, take heed how ye frustrate him for the first time in the flesh. His the salutary ends of such faithful preaching thoughts, like himself, as a lady present members of the Conference who might wish

The Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Finance Min-Nay, let us afise, one and all, and give ister of the Government of Newfoundland, religion, class and prayer-meeting, looking island. It will henceforth have stronger

The Hon. Judge Wilmot's speech fairly carried away the audience. The flashes of the city. This announcement was received wit, the bursts of eloquence, the touches of with great cheering. Bishop Peck arrived pathos, the strokes of sarcasm, the weighty last night, words of wisdom, made up an ensemble such as we seldom enjoy. It was an inspiration to duty, to increased devotion to Queen experience for several of the latter years of and country, and to God.

Dear Dr, E. Sargant, out of a full heart uttered in singularly felicitous Scripture language his apostolical greeting. After singing right loyally the national anthem. Dr Green pronounced the benediction, and one of the most enjoyable evenings we ever spent was brought to a close.

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST CENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

THIRD DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION. Conference was again in session at three o'clock. A hymn having been sung the Rev. W. H. Poole led in prayer. The Minutes of

the former session were read and confirmed. cation. In accordance with a motion adopted at On motion of Mr. J. Patton, Rev. W. Briggs was introduced to the Conference, and made Committee. a short speech which moved many to tears. The venerable man is now 75 years of age. Nominating Committee was instructed to apand has long held a conspicuous place in the point a Committee on Temperance. Methodist Church, in which he has often A lengthy conversation then took place as been intrusted with positions of great respon. to the propriety of observing a day of thankssibility and trust. He stated that he was a giving for the bountiful harvest, which resultmember of the first Conference ever held in ed in the adoption of the following resolu-Canada, of which, with one exception, he tion, which was moved by Dr. Ogden and was the only surviving member. Mr. R. seconded by Rev. E. H. DEWART: "That a that lay in his power, for he only worked now for entered the ministry in 1820, when there Committee of one person from each Province were many hardships to be endured, and of the Dominion, nominated by the President, there were no elegant churches, only some to consider the matter of a day of thanksthere were only twenty-one. In reviewing this Conference." the past he could but exclaim, What hath God wrought? Truly the little one has become a thousand. He rejoiced to think that some at least of those funds in the foundation of which, and to the maturing of which he labored hard, had become of considerable magnitude, so that the present race of preachers were in much tetter circumstances than their fathers had been, not that he intended to convey the idea that ministerial support was by any means what it should be. Though he could not labor as he had once done, he took as much interest in everything was philosophic, thoughtful, statesman-like, that pertained to the church as he had ever instructive. He paid a graceful compliment to done in his life. As a matter of course, his stay upon earth could not be very long, but ature, in judical, political and mercantile the future had no gloom for him, he was joyful through hope, and he had no doubt but that he would soon be welcomed to heaven, by Case and others who had gone there before him. He prayed that all this Conference might meet him in the better world. In conclusion, he exhorted the young men, especially, to be faithful, and prayed that a richer baptism might fall upon the Church than they had ever yet experienced. The Nominating Committee presented their report No. 2, in which they recommend the following Committees in addition to those

already announced: 6. On Church property, 11 members. 7. On Course of Study for probationers

8. On Itinerancy and Ministerial support

9. On the Adjustment of Circuits jointly occupied by the Wesleyan and Methodist

10. To arrange and adjust Connexional Funds relating to the said two churches, 8

New Connexion Churches, 16 members.

11. On Superannuation Fund, 20 members, The Nominating Committee recommend that where Standing Committees consist of more than twenty members, nine shall constitute a quorum, and in those of less than twenty members a majority of the whole shall constitute a quorum.

The Committee having thus reported, begged leave to sit again. The Conference correspondence. approved all the above recommendations, and granted the request made.

priety of appointing further Standing Com- a new Hymn-book should be published he mittees on appeals, boundaries, correspon- wanted Canada to share the profits. There

JUDGE DEACON gave notice that he will, at three to prepare a seal for the use of this General Conference.

Rev. T. W. Constable gave notice of motion to authorize ministers to use either the Wesleyan or New Connexion hymn-books until the next General Conference. Mr. C. also gave notice of other motions relating to the funds of the respective Annual Conferences, subject. and the investrient of funds.

The President announced that any of the to visit the Normal School buildings could do so at their own convenience, as arrangements had been made for parties to conduct might certainly be improved, such as "Bestrangers through that building; the Educational Museum would doubtless be an object

Rev. J. Ports announced the pleasing intelligeuce that the Hon. J. Ferrier and Bishop Peck had both started on their respective journeys, and were confidently expected in

Two verses, which the Rev. John Wesley characterized as containing his own religious his life, were then sung, hymn 327, ver. 3 and 4. The cenediction was pronounced, and the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY-MORNING SESSION

At 9 o'clock the Conference was opened the usual manner. Singing, and prayer by Rev. A. W. Nicholson. Minutes of the previous session read and confirmed.

The Nominating Committee made a third report, and recommended the following additional Standing Committees:

12. Church Extension, 12 members. 13. Children's Fund, 19 members.

14. Contingent Fund, 17 members.

15. State of the Church, 22 members. 16. Conference Expenses, 5 members.

On motion of Dr. Rice the name of Rev. E. B. Ryckman was added to the Committees on the State of the Church, and that of Edu-

On motion of Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS the

very plain meeting houses, and of these giving, and report to a subsequent sitting of

The Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS moved a resolution relating to the children of those ministers who have no claims on the Children's Fund. Referred to the Committee on that fund.

BISHOP PECK was introduced, and addressed the Conference in a brief and appropriate manner. He said that he felt grateful to be here, and hoped to be profited by listening to the discussions.

Rev. W. J. HUNTER gave notice of motion relative to the election of trustees of churches. Dr. JEFFERS gave notice of motion for the Committee on Discipline to add a clause or clauses, to provide for supplying any emer. gency that may rise whereby the President of Conference, Chairman of Districts, and Superintendents of Circuits, may not be able to preside at their respective meetings.

It was ordered that the Secretary of the Conference shall furnish the Chairman of committees a copy of all resolutions which belong to their respective Committees. Hon. T. L. SHANNON moved a resolution

for an evening to be set apart for hearing returned Missionaries and other principal friends. The Conference adopted the resolution. A grand Conference Missionary Meeting will be held some evening next

Rev. E. H. DEWART stated that he had received a letter from Rev. G. Young, from it in strong terms, as being both interesting which he understood that Mr. Y. would be here about the 26th.

Rev. A. Sutherland presented a memorial rom the trustees of Great St. James Street Church, and one also from the Quarterly Meeting, relating to the extension of time of ministers on circuits.

referred to the Committee on Missions: also one for the publication of a German journal was referred to the Publishing Committee. Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS moved a resolution recommending the Nominating Committee

to appoint a Committee on Sabbath obser Committee to appoint a committee on official

On motion of Rev. J. LATHAM an interesting discussion took place respecting the Hymn- Punshon's eloquent sermon, preached at the

Several recommendations were presented Hymn-book, but as there was now much dis dence or foreign relations and Conference ex. were some hymns which might be omitted others which might be greatly compressed . but there were others which he would not on the next session, move for a Committee of any account leave out. Then there were others which he would gladly add, such as Just as I am," &c. Some hymns were needed relating to "working." If it could be, he would like to have one grand Œoumenical Hymn-book. He would have a select committee of the best musical talent in the Conference to consider this important

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Rev. L. GAETY seconded the resolution, and said that he thought that the Hymn-book might be greatly reduced in size. He could not conceive that there was any need to have 1.200 hymns. Some of the classifications lievers Fighting."

Rev. Dr. JEFFERS would like to have the cooperation of all the Me hedist bodies, so that there might be one uniform hymn-book in the Methodist Churches throughout the world. Rev. E. HOLMES said that he thought that all' hymns of peculiar metre should either be omitted or else the people be taught to sing hymns of

Rev. E. H. DEWART was glad to hear this disussion, as it was well known that he had at lifferent times referred to it in the Guardian. True, some of his views had not been universally endorsed, but several of the Methodist journals on the other side had given expression to similar sentiments. He thought that for the present, at east, they should have a supplement published.

Dr. RICE was of opinion that this was a grave subject, one which had occupied much attention in the British Conference, the discussions of which he had read with profound interest, and he was of opinion that, if that discussion could be published or the benefit of the Methodists of this country. great good would follow. Besides there was likely to be a great tide of emigration from England, and if the people came here and found the same book in use as was used at home, nothing would have such a tendency to bind them to us. Judge WILMOT said that for 25 years he had been the leader of a choir, and in the margin of his hymn-book he inserted the dates when certain hymns were sung, and he found that in some instances the margin was now crowded, but that in others there was no note, because the hymn was never sung. Some hymns, such as 12-8's reminded him of tall grass, on which cattle could not feed. He thought 300 hymns would be sufficient for all purposes. He wanted hymns to be inserted in a new book if published, which they could sing both e wanted the children to sing in the church as well as the school. The Hon. Judge gave some thrilling incidents on the power of and referred to the labors of Sankey and Moody Scotland, which were the most marvelous effects of singing in modern times. He also specified some hymns, which, though long, could not be abbreviated. As to solos and chorus, where would they find anything to compare with what took place at Bethlehem 1800 years ago, when Glory to God" was sung. He thought there vas both the one and tho other on that occ He would be glad to do anything to help this cause he Methodist public, and for the best part of that public, viz., the children. The Nominating Committee were desired to

ame a Committee on the Hyrun P. Rev. S. Rose here stated that a number of gendemen had for four years pass been engaged in compiling a Tune Book, containing tunes for all he hymns in our book, and proposed that the choir should on some evening next week give a practical proof of what they had done. A rich treat will be in reserve for next Friday, when the

ehearsal will take place. A Committee consisting of Judge Wilmot, and Judge Deacon, and Mr. McDona'd was appointed prepare a seal for the Conference. Hon J. Ferrier was added to the Educational

The Nominating Committee desired to appoint a ommittee on the Tune Book. Conference adjourned for the day.

WITHROW'S CATACOMBS.

The following kindly notice of this book s from the pen of the Editor of the Guardian. Canadian literature is often highly commended in the abstract, but little patronzed in the concrete. The author of this volume has reason for congratulation that his first contribution in book form to native, Christian and Methodist literature, meets such cordial approval both in his own country and in the United States. Arrangements are also pending for its early issue in Great Britain,

where an extensive circulation is anticipated: The Rev. W. H. Withrow's valuable book on the "Catacombs of Rome" has now been for some months before the public. We are happy to say that, probably, no work of a Canadian author has ever been more cordially received. Those who have read it speak of and instructive. The press generally accord it high praise, as in several respects the best book ever published on the subject. It is having an extensive sale both in the United States and Canada. We can cordially recommend the work to the readers of the GUAR-DIAN, as one that will not disappoint expectation. It gives a more vivid and truthful reresentation of the condition of the early Christian church, than can be gained from Rev. C. E. Esy presented a memorial revolumes of church history; and throws relating to the German Missions, which was markable light on the origin of such Romish errors as the worship of Mary, invocation of saints, prayers for the dead, and other corruptions of primitive truth.

For plan of public services to-morrow see first page. We have not received notice of any changes. We will be glad to receive brief outlines of the Sermons to be preached Rev. J. Gray moved for the Nominating in the churches other than that in which

the Conference is held.

Our readers will all be glad to see Dr. On motion of Dr. Nelles, Rev. R. Jones book now in use in the Wesleyan congre- late Wesleyan Conference at Cornwall, regations. Mr. L. said that he loved the said produced on our first page.