Probincial Weslepan WEDNESDAY, SEPTM'R 11, 1872.

A SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION.

This year's session of the British Conference will long be regarded as on some accounts a truly memorable one. Several noteworthy features characterized its proceedings. But it was mainly signalized by a remarkable discussion of the educational question. This discussion was conducted in accordance with parliamentary usages, and was to all intents and purposes a downright debate, though several of the speakers who took part in it called it a " conversation." It extended through two days. It would have continued longer if the Conferference could have spared the time. A very full report of this discussion appears in the Watchman and Methodist Recorder of London.

This report has attracted marked attention from the chief organs of British political sentiment, and no doubt has been thoughtfully read by the Parliamentary leaders of both great parties in the State. Carefully studying this report, which oc-

cupies twenty closely printed columns in the Watchman, we derive manifold impressions therefrom.

We are impressed with the belief that the discussion reproduced therein was, perhaps, the ablest that ever took place in the British Methodist Conference. Every minister that sustained a part in it had something to say worth saying, and said it forcibly and well; and the chief speeches on both sides were noble specimens of manly argumentative eloquence.

We are impressed most favourably by the perfect freedom which marked the discussion. The liberty of prophesying exercised on the subject under consideration was complete. Men said what they thought and declared what they felt with the utmost possible frankness. An air of perfect sincerity and earnestness pervaded the entire debate. All this was of good augury. Free discussion of matters fairly open to debate in Church and State is a safety-valve of wondrous power, though many men both saintly and sensible are surprisingly slow of heart to believe the fact. Free ventilation both above and below ground has prevented many an explosion that would have been disastrous.

We note with pleasure that the debate were no unbrotherly insinuations thrown out against each other by the rival disputants-no disparaging remarks, no bitter invective.

ments necessitate so much attention to the whose machinery never grates and never purely administrative work in all its varied wearies. There is as large a proportion of departments, very little time remains for lengthened and honoured pastoral connec-legislation. The difficulty was felt in no tions among the Presbyterians in this as in rdinary degree at the close of this Confer- any country of the world. And wherever

ence and it is plain that some change must they exist they are almost invariably beaube made, either by committing more ex-tensive functions to the District meeting, or devising some plan by which time can be indicating we suppose the extension of their saved in the earlier stages of the Confer-ential session. From a committee appointed to report on

ential session. As matters are now arranged, great and the business and duties of the Synod, (an grave questions are hastily talked over, or admirable arrangement,) the suggestion talked out; discussions arise upon points of was adopted of holding morning prayer absorbing interest at a stage, when two thirds of the brethren have left for their dis-an hour at the commencement of each evetant homes, and suggestions from Districts, ning's session. The early prayer meeting notices of motions, and budding schemes of was once a notable feature of Methodist reform or improvement are ruthlessly set Conferences, it requires a forty-horse power aside, solely for want of time in which to sensation to draw a respectable audience now in the fresher hours of the day. We investigate their merits. This unsatisfactory state of affairs was covet an early coincident meeting between

mewhat intensified at the close of this the Synod and Conference once more, that London Conference, as a day and half had ministers of both churches might gather for been given up to a great Conferential de- spiritual refreshing once a day in a common bate upon the all-absorbing question of ele-mentary Education. Several notices bearing friends hold to this custom. If Tyndall depon this topic had been laid before Confer- mand evidence of our confidence in prayer,

ence, and urgent requests were made that give him this: if we are to make conquest the whole question might be fully and fairly of the world for Christ, our progress must them until dry between layers of paper frediscussed at an earli date. This was not be through the prayer-meeting and the quently changed; and skins, by sprinkling found to be practicable until Conference closet. was in the third week of its session, and There is a very close connection between

was in the third week of its session, and some of the brethren had left. Yet a full and deeply interested Conference, address-and deeply interested Conference, address-and itself to one of the most thorough and Nominations of Professors come in this Nominations of Professors come in this ed itself to one of the most thorough and Nominations of Professors could be and plumage. In the conchological department exhaustive debates that has been witnessed way even the presiding officer of the Syned is pointed out by the Presbyteries. This a complete collection of the Crustacea and a complete collection of the Crustacea and with an able and argumentative speech de- functionary is required to give proof of his Bivalves of our coasts, which could readily

livered, notwithstanding his bodily weak- ministry in the pulpit by preaching an offic- be made by some friend on the seaboard in livered, notwithstanding his bodily weak-ness, with great force and clear demon-stration of his positions. It was a tremen-dous attack upon the Denominational system may thus be wielded in furnishing a hun-lange the assembled bedy. What a mighty power may thus be wielded in furnishing a hun-annual catalogue of the College and Acadein its present aspects, and more especially dred men, through God's direction, with mies. upon the future of Methodism in country rillages and small towns.

and the Conference was urged to adhere to will not soon forget the manifest reverence ucation to secure for themselves lasting chat with a friend; "very prudent," but the time taken up by that debate was want- be touched as with fire from Heaven, and the a grand National scheme in which Bible read- for Christ which was so conspicuous a fea- fame by founding chairs in the college. On ing should be included, and which would leave the State to attend to the work of secular social and so sure a pledge that Social and social socia

discharge their duty to the young without ture in our land. The church thus foster- ed to the titles of the respective professors ; land and many others delivered addresses growth. The principal discussion in Synod this Harvard catalogue.) Are there not men on the same side of the question. The venerable W. Shaw moved an amendment year was on the question of marriage with in these colonies to whom Providence has o Mr. Arthur's motion, and in a speech a deceased wife's sister. A woman was entrusted more or less wealth, who are fired of great merit presented the substance of all admitted to membership in one of the with a holy ambition to hand down their the arguments advanced on that side of the churches who was united in marriage to the uames to posterity covered with true glory ? question. Dr. Rigg and Mr. Olver as husband of her deceased half-sister. A for- The man who would give \$20,000, or even

question. Dr. Rigg and Mr. Over as representing the great Training Depart-ments, Mr. Bedford, Dr. Osborn and many others were heard in favor of things as they are, or in favor of delay, or on the impolicy of coming to a decision until the toms of the Hebrews, his mature study of a name that would be held in highest honor Laity, has been invited to express their opin- this subject in all its bearings and a happy through long centuries to come!

Much anxiety was manifested on the qualified to lead the discussion. In doing

part of the leading men who are committed so he virtually exhausted it; for the few ner. Men put their arguments as strongly to the present policy of Methodism, to who were so imprudent as to attempt a reavoid a formal vote upon the question? ply were greatly at a disadvantage. They charge, have lately visited the Institutions and pointedly as they could. But they in-dulged in no unseemly personalities. There would have been the fate of Mr. Arthur's tolerant as they might have been. Surely have for the first time; and their high admira-tore for the first time; and their high admira-tolerant as they might have been. Surely have for the first time; and their high admira-ton of the buildings and appointments has motion, had it been put to a vote. Many where so many wise and good men differ were confident of a majority in its favor, from them; where the British House of the year have commenced most auspiciouswhilst others were as fully persuaded of its certain defeat. The whole matter is refer-sition to their views, and only a few of the

have prevented the entire abolition of the

nce increases, and as the present arrange- ment. We have yet to discover the system THE MT. ALLISON INSTITUTIONS. a resolution proposed and seconded; spo- erable Thomas Jackson gave us the joy of which Mr. W. B. McNutt was appointed Sec. THE MUSEUM.

Although we have already a fine collect

tion of Geological, Mineralogical and other specimens neatly labelled and arranged,

weed can easily be preserved, for some

time at least, by sealing it up in a bottle of

salt water ; leaves and flowers, by pressing

the inside freely with powdered alum. As

stuffed birds can be transported without

ematics ; McLean, Prof. of History. (See

THE OPENING YEAR.

Many parents and guardians from the

(From the Methodist Recorder.)

X. X.

also spoken to. What is the subject of this verses of the hymn clustered conversation? Figures ranged tions of the friends of education to the delate that is all, but at the band of the dule ; that is all : but at the head of the coltions of the friends of education to the museum, is the large and beautiful collec-tion of stuffed birds generously presented last spring by the Rev. W. W. Colpitts, of Pownall, P. E. I. Through the efforts of the Professor of Natural Science and others, umn the words, "Communicants, not being members of Society." That is all that is

asked by the district meeting in question. Can we grant it without noticing that it is a part of a much greater subject? Society further additions have been made in the or church; non-membership, honorary Ornithological department, and at present membership, true membership-these are our native birds are tolerably well repreall involved in the question. So then the

remnants of a great Conference have Mr. Hughes' question before them, though Mr. Hughes is himself absent. What shall be tive. In the former of these capacities it joined to-heart they could sing those beautifu lone with it? Delay it? No. A Commit- has to execute the trusts already in its tee is proposed : deferred till next Confer- hands when it is annually constituted. Such

still rocks, shells, fossils, dried plants, &c., are always acceptable, as they increase the ence, and discussed then, positively; that trusts concern the ministry, the arrangefacilities for instruction. Many of our worwas the amendment moved by Dr. Osborn, ments of circuits, education d work, Con- with a power that worldly people could have no thy friends who follow the sea and visit forand carried by a large majority. So nexional property, and so on. The neces-there is a great question pigeon-holed for sity of the case makes it compulsory that who had come there for the first time. eign countries, could, we think, without much trouble and expense, obtain for the administration should have the nirst and would like to impress it upon them that h

And let our bodies part,

ence of 1879

To different climes repair

the Rev. W. T. Radcliffe engaged in prayer

and the Benediction was pronounced by the President. So at half-past ten on Friday,

August 16th, finished the London Confer-

CONFERENCE REMAINDERS.

Newcastle. The evening sitting of Thursday was oc-largest share of the attention of Conference In the press and the press Newcastle. museum, specimens of the Gulfweed, tropical seaweeds, plants and flowers, shells cupied by the concerns of the Annuitant during its sittings. There must be no birds, birds' eggs, the skins of birds and "remainders" here. Every wheel and small quadrupeds, curiosities, &c., &c. Sea-

Society. On Friday the Conference was just about what it ought to be always, as to numbers and constituent elements; perhaps three ence. Whatever new theories may be the Convention something had occurred to and and constituent elements; perhaps three ence. Whatever new theories may be the Convention some and go the occurrence is and the power; hundred present. But we are no sooner abroad as to an increase of motive power; Miller, Mr. Brainard and Mr Cheever would be set in motion than it is evident that, to bor- whatever new inventions may be stirring row allusions cognate too many which I in originating minds as to the improvement arrived that we could not hope for their presrow allisions cognate too many which i in originating minus as to the initioverhead by prompt treatment in the shape ing pressure at each return of the Confer-"Vote, vote;" official dignity consents ence. The enormous increase of the Con- ers who had been expected from the United to run. We can only be said to catch nexion has so enlarged the demands made to run. We can only be said to catch nexion has so enlarged the demands made sight of the objects which we pass so rapid-ly; Auxiliary Fund, book affairs, institu-ference that little or no time is left for the was going on harmoniously and well. There ions, home missions, and schools for min- exercise of its legislative functions. The rooms were large and capacious. They were isters' children. The report of a very present Conference has furnished a case in doing work and there was a wide field for the influential commission on the Kingswood and Woodhouse Grove Schools lies before me; it is entrusted to a Committee to ar-tion would have been an impossibility had

upon the future of Methodism in country villages and small towns. The effects of the system, upon the edu-cation of Ireland were forcibly presented

what about the boys? Is everything in the ed for business, and many departments of every one would return to their homes and report to be held in abeyance? I do hope the work were subsequently placed in serithose poor lads at the Grove will get their ous peril of slight treatment in consequence. education, and the Churches would be free to wealthy in elevated talents and liberal cul- see the names of founders of chairs prefix- extra meal and be allowed a little quiet talk It has arisen from these prompt demands while they are eating. Physical hunger of present duty, that legislation has been help or hindrance from Government. Dr. ed may not be ostentatious, but mankind as Bassey Professor of Law; Parkman, and parental love must have had something remitted to the last half of the last session, Waddy, Mr. J. R. Hargreaves, Mr. Hol- will read some day with admiration of its Prof. of Theology; Perkins, Prof. of Math-, to do with that undignified reflection. But, and very often to the last two hours of the after all, I have two boys there, and I can't last half. So whilst the President's signature warrants the machinery ready for One piece of information I must not work, it leaves legislation all abroad.

neglect to notice. I will do it at once, as Legislative fragments lie around the platt has already got out of time and place. form, like the shreds of torn-up documents Mr. Lomas some days ago indicated his in- upon it. There are always a large numtention to resign his post as theological ber of remainders. This is to be regretted ; all of which had been raised by voluntary tutor at the Headingley Institution at the for these remainders are not the ashes of scriptions. close of the year. Common rumour as- exhausted fires, but the seed-corn oftentimes

signed his chair to Mr. Perks, Mr. Coley, of the future, having life in them, and haror Mr. Gedeu. Mr. Perks, it seems, has vests of great good. The danger of the taken root at the Mission House, and will Methodist Conference is not that of being not be wrenched away, and of the two re- over-legislated, but of leaving legislation maining names, the Committee have pre- over.

ferred that of Mr. Geden. Linguist and There are sundry contrivances by which man of travel he has been; he must now this inconvenience is somewhat modified. look forward to the inculcation of that These are the inevitable Committee, and the

cities and other places, accompanying their which language enshrines and travel illus- district meetings in September and May. Besides bridging over the chasm of delay, trates-the truth of the Gospel.
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 Besides bridging over the chasm of delay.

 At six on Friday evening we met for our
 the employment of these subordinate counter.
been freely expressed. The operations of last sitting. About a quarter past six I cils, it must be allowed, is helpful to legiscounted, and the number of persons present lation. It gives time for mature considera There are more students than there was quite apostolic enough to stir up a su- tion, enlarges the sphere of discussion, and

perstitious mind-about one hundred and elicits the sympathies of those whose interred to a mixed Committee, to be elected at learned Bishops of the upper Chambers and good deportment promise well. In the twenty. A few more came in afterwards, ests are most at stake. It is a very effecnot think that at any time during tual guarantee of the worth and w

ken to; an amendment by Dr. Osborn; this his face and voice once more. A few retary of the Convention, pro. tem., and a business Committee and a Committee for the nomination of permanent officers for the Con vention were appoin ed. Mr. Morrow then delivered the opening address, which is thus reported in the Lorning ' hreakle: He said that his first feeling was one of grating the members of the Convertion together another year, for sparing their lives and per-

mitting them to come together to take en cil of one another. He had there he in dr CONFERENCE -REMAINDERS. The Methodist Conference has two func-tions: it is administrative and it is legisla-

" Blest be the tie that binds

meeting they had the word of God for, and he States would be overrulled for good. He made

E Coll T stab band Mrs Frid that ings to the after it be were piace coro main lodge place are s dissu be so small —St. their associations with hearts full of love and zeal to work with their might. He com mend them te God and the word of Grace. trusting that His blessing might be upon them in all their deliberations, and that the Convention might result in good not only to the delegates and their respective Associa Judge Hensley, of Charlottetown, P. E. who will be prevented, in consequence of ill-ness, from attending the further meetings of the Convention, was present and made a few encouraging remarks. Ho stated that the Charlottetown Association were constructing a fine building of their own, at a cost of \$10,000.

Upon the nominations of the Committee tollowing persons were unanimously appointed as officers of the Convention

but to this in which it was held

President-W. Welsh, St. John, N. B. Vice Presidents—J. W. Hales, Charlotte-town, P. E. I.; L. N. Sharp, M. D., Norton, N. B.; J. K. Blair, Truro, N. S.; T. M. Lewis, Yarmouth, N. S.; A. H. Patterson, Amherst, N. S.; C. Primrose, Pictou, N. S.; Dr. Delaney, Halifax. Secretaries-W. B. McNutt, Halifax; R.

C. Knowles, St. John, N. B.; J. F. Gra

by those of the audience who could hear it.

Addresses were also delivered by Mr. Mor

row, Mr. P. C. Hill, and Rev. J. A. Rogers of

Halifax, Mr. Welsh of St. John, Mr. Hales of

Charlottetown, Mr. J. K. Blair of Truro, and

On Fridry, the Convention was in se

and spiritedly discussed the following question

in the morning. " What benefits have resulted

noor, the following was adopted as the synopsis

"That the Y. M. C A. is a great auxilian

o the Christian Church in carrying for

ciation till the great Author of all good shall re

yeal it on the great day of man's account ; and-

the Rev. Mr. McLeod of Fredericton.

of the forenoon's discussion :---

very marked differences of opinion on the ber, and to meet before the assembling of law as it now exists, men can afford to son and his coadjutors, and in the Ladies' he ensuing District educational question of the day in England exist among the leading men in the British Conference, Mr. Arthur, who opened the great debate was an absolute necessity, and odist Conference this question would not debate, desired Conference to adopt a resowill prepare the way for some action, and stand an hour's debate; and it is more we lution approving the policy of gradually initiate some changes in this great depart-ment of our work. merging the denominational primary school ment of our work. The work of the Stationing Committee sion of the Mosaic law that the opposing system as far as it exists in England. in a

ppcared to take some time, and to be one champions of the Synod draw their we more general national system under which of much difficulty. The discussions in the pons. The Synod threw back the whole the Bible should be used in the schools. open Conference were protracted upon affair upon the Presbytery in which the With this desire it was evident that many ome special cases, and partook a little tco trouble originated, enjoining upon it to members of Conference, some of them men much of a personal character to be quite sustain the law of the church, without de- always opens up conversation on many inof decided mark, were in sympathy. But where the consent of the Conference is be done with the woman. the adoption of Mr. Arthur's resolution was vehemently resisted by such men as needful to confirm the stations, and where Ex-Presidents Shaw and Osborn, Dr. Rigg, r ministers. At length the important con- ation. We have seldom heard speeches Messrs. Bedford, Olver, Stephenson, Jenkins, Coley, Simpson and others of note. to make quiet preparations for their depar-Yet they deprecated taking a vote on that ture and the Conference is not again so full quence, yet we all felt the warm response good metal in the unpromising ore. A meresolution; and got rid of it by passing an amendment remitting the consideration of ervices in connection with this great Conference as I do not wish to weary my pati-as an evidence of the Church's vitality; the matter to a large joint committee of ministers and laymen, to be appointed in a eut readers. The special services for the way that will enable them to express the benefit of the young people, the Devotional perishing around us for lack of knowledge. mind of the whole Connexion, on the sub-services for the revival of the Work of God, It would pay our Conference to appoint ject involved.

We conclude from the tenor of the dis-cussion that the introduction of the lay ele-and were all thronged by eager and inter-bands of the Travelling expenses. Every bill was paid, and \$60 remained in the bands of the Travelling expenses. must be regarded as a foregone conclusion. The chief ground on which the adoption of the amendment referred to was urged, was The chief ground on which the adoption of even to pronounce an opinion until after the

Finally, a study of this singularly able discussion reveals the fact that the feeling of the ministry of the Parent Methodist body toward the Established Church in England is fast changing. The old feeling of reverence and attachment is passing away. It is in vain that some of the senior ministers appeal to the Methodist traditions or even to the great name of Wesley on this head. The rising ministry in English Methodism is manifestly arriving at the conviction that it has a right to claim in the eye of the law not toleration merely but full

and absolute religious equality.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

More notes concerning the London Confer ence.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The Conference protracted its session until late on Friday the 16th inst. The public were admitted into the chapel a little after ten o'clock, P.M. to witness the signing of the journal by the President and Secretary, the passing of the ccustomed votes of thanks, and the devotional services which closed the whole proceedings. Plenty of work remained to be done, sufficient business to occupy many more days, but it was imperative that the Conference should close on Friday night and many matters of prime importance are either referred to special Committees, to the

J. R. N.

District meetings, or to the next Conference. will ever militate against the settled pasto-men subscribed to them centuries back. Year by year the business of the Confer- ral principle. But this is no adverse judg-

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BYTERIANISM.

(Continued.)

weigh the doubt. Besides, in this country but there is a compact and increasing body there is no law against the kind of union the Chief Preceptress, with their staff, are of ministers in opposition to the present alluded to, and the only standard existing all laboring with the earnestness, the enthu-Educational policy of Methodism, and this is one of individual opinion. In the Meth-Sackville, 31st Aug., 1872.

CONFERENCE SKETCHES.

pleasant. This of course is unavoidable fining that law or suggesting what was to teresting subjects. There is no saying beforehand what subjects will be presented, We happened to be present when the sub- how the brethren will take them, what may special appeals are made either by circuits ject of Home Missions was under consider- be the extent to which they will grow. An uninteresting item may awaken a man firmation is made, and the brethren begin to make quiet preparations for their depar-the occasion. There was no aiming at elo-are presently into a hearty talk, and find during any of its remaining sittings. I have not referred to all the interesting and approve it—the heart's assent. The selves floating out into great constitutional Church's missionary work deserves support

questions. One subject of importance thus incidentbut the main consideration is that souls are the Fete at Mr. T. B. Stephenson's Orphan- which the Presbyterian Ministers manage

was evidenced in the arrangement which over 50 per cent.

States did not impress us as being superior however, seemed to think that the tendenthat on a subject so nearly concerning the which return but at very distant periods, as to several men among those who received cy of modern feeling was from and not tosuccession of places as Conference towns, siasm in speaking of their own land and the simplicity of our original rule; the Com- had searched every official document, and half a million of money for chapels and sentiment of that laity has been elicited but Newcastle in the far North is to have obligations of their holy office. McLeod, mon Prayer, our venerable Founder's could find no rule on record prohibiting a other Connexional interests. No report thereon. To us it is clear that from this the honor next year. Dr. Rigg's motion Baine, Bennet, Sedgewick, Pitblado, in abridgement, or at least the lessons appoint- minister's residence in one town longer than will be anticipated with greater interest ground to the conclusion that the mind of to enable a minister to stay more than six short either of the giants so popularly ed for the day in the Kalendar. The Book six years. He then argued upon the par- than that of the committees which has this ground to the conclusion that the mind of the laity on all matters chiefly concerning the twith opposition and is referred to the speeches into the shade. It has always the matter, and so a vast the rule was at present inoperative, through composed of the President, the Secretary it ought to be expressed in Conference itself District Meeting for an expression of opin-by its own chosen representatives, the dis-ion. Many other notices are left in the tance logically measured, is very short in-deed. Conference shuffled off its responsibility in

would have adorned the British House of ventions. Then we had some criticisms its closing minutes, and then the End came, Commons; and we have never been with- upon the form of Covenant service. Soliand the greatest Conference which English Methodism has ever known (and for which out ecclesiastical orators who stood with tary speakers aired their difficulties; one ed) was dissolved. It will leave a gracious nemory in London, its decisions have been of great importance, and Methodism enters upon in Nova Scotia. its new year without the slightest abate-

ment of heart or hopefulness. God is yet with us, and instead of our work being accoming up as barriers to amicable decisions Offices. previous period of our history.

in connection with great questions among A GLANCE AT PROVINCIAL PRES-

in our day, even among those who profess to subscribe to them, in regard to these standards : and these exponents of christian

(Continued.) The minutes of the recent Syned afford deal of trouble while they clog the wheels transactions of Friday morning, and finish ten minutes past ten a pattering of feet re-connected with the word "communicant" as

ial changes, transfers, &c. The distractive reverence—they are ponderous and anti-tions caused by an unusual number of re-quated. The world is all the time advan-were on the face of our Book-steward on there. The ladies were permitted to enjoy movals among ourselves this year, with the cing, and the Truth of God needs less and the latter occasion, though he still had a the sensation of a spectacle which many of exceptional circuits and men, will secure men become capable of appreciating its very who have suffered to fall into disuse the signing of the Minutes. That act was exceptional circuits and men, will secure general sympathy for out friends who re-port six translations, one induction and four receptions from other fields. Even this we assume does not include all the dis-turbances of pastoral ties which have occur-ed within their boundaries. The growing, the scriptures, we have no right to go; and he profits of the Book Concern. Now I go back to Thursday afternoon and ministers for the admirable arrangements changing tastes of ministers and people, we need not wonder that christians now the accidents of health, prurient unrest deny the force of an argument or the au- memorials; some two hundred brethren made for the accommodation of the Conferwith some, and ardent ambition with others, thenticity of a precept simply because good present, or thereabouts. A request in a ence; to the many ladies and gentlemen

the sitting there were more than 150 minis- any change, which, having passed through ters present. Instead of the ring of eager these preliminary stages, is brought up faces round the front of the gallery—one ! again for the ultimate decision of Confer-Chapel affairs, and yet more educational affairs; then reports of committees appoint-

ed by last Conference. Some of these will behind a large number of remainders of imbear fruit; for instance that one on the re- portance, which it has committed either to vision ot districts, whose suggestions will be the district meetings or Committees specibrought before the district meetings of Sep- ally appointed. It is to some of these subtember and May, embodying rearrangement, jects we wish to direct attention. First, with a hint or two ou an enlarged sphere for there is Education. Our columns have from Y. M. C. Associations ?" In the afterthose important courts of Methodism. So been so largely occupied with the debate on through lists of committees, on, on, on till the educational policy of Methodism that it is sufficient here to say that a large Com-

FRIDAY, MIDNIGHT. The report of the Memorial Committee But before I go any further, let me say mittee of laymen and ministers elected by

hold them in abeyance.

word or two on lay representation. It each of the September District Meetings, eems to me that the clergy in this matter and the united Committees of Education

Christian work. "That it tends to break up the prejudices of the different religious denominations, and courage the co-operation of their active m are going faster than the laity. The allus- and Privilege, will have that question in ions made to it in the Committees of Re-view fell comparatively cold. But in the important cognate subject which has been bers in doing good. "That much benefit has resulted from the Conference proper I do not think I overstate the matter, when I say that it seems to proportions of the day school question. We efforts to save young meu coming to larger cities, by kindly drawing them to the Y. M. have had an indefinite but real presence refer to the relation of our Sunday schools C. Association Rooms, and offering them both

throughout. We have scarcely had a con- and catechumen classes to the Church. Mr. amusement and religious and intellectual advantages, and in securing for them legitima versation of any length in which there has Scott touched upon this during the convernot been a scintillation of it. Three affil-iated Conferences have put it in the fore-front of their communications with mother scarcely in place, events have shown that

front of their communications with mother scarcely in place, events have shown that, Methodism. In the hurried business of if not mentioned then, it would have really introduced stood connected with the benent of the young people, the Devotional services for the revolution of returned missionaries, the recognition of the literature of Methodist works the strong strong utterances. In spite of the current of his opin-ions in the past, he avowed his conviction that scoper or later we must come to a scheles above and on trial out of 117,000 that scoper or later we must come to a for the Renewal of the Covenant annually. Ministers are aware that certain folio sheets have been sent to them with elabo- that sooner or later we must come to a scholars above fifteen years of age an fun-

And the following question was taken into conhands of the Treasurer! It has always rate instructions as to a monthly change of carefully devised system of lay representa- satisfactory propertion. Yet the whole ment into the Conference at no distant day must be conference at no distant day must be conference at no distant day must be conference at no distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill been a jubilee with us when we obtained service where what is commonly known as to a monthly change of top, and he following question was taken into con-statisfactory propertion. Yet the whole for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London, and great skill is distant day for Methodists in London day for Methodists "the Church Service" may have been or better. When Jupiter nods assent, there is tion indicated by the Rev. Robert Jackson to be admitted to the Rooms of the Y. M. C. The Delegrates to Synod from the United may be intended to be used. The brethren, some indication of a change in the universe. in his solemn address to the young people Association?" in regard to which apparently By half-past eight we had reached the at the Mildmay Conference hall, and we irreconcilable differences of opinion appeared notices of motion, and Dr. Rigg's being have no doubt it will receive that consider- to exist. In the evening the subject for discusinterests of the Methodist laity as that of it will be eleven or twelve years before their greetings with very respectful attension was. " Personal (purse and all) consecrat interests of the Methodist laity as that of primary education, Conference ought not London will have another Conference. tion. There were at least a dozen in the concerns a small fraction of Methodist sanc-briefly and strongly. He told that us he ment of finance is the proposition to raise tion to Christ, the essential requisite to a Christian worker."

On Saturday the principal part of the day was occupied in the discussion of general topics, such as " Bible Classes," " How may we best secure the permanence of the Y. M. Q. A. organizations ?" and " Direct religious work among young men.'

On Sabbath there was a Dedication Praver Meeting held at 7 o'clock in the Halifax Association Room, not nearly so numerously attende ed. Messis. Prest, Jobson, and Arthur of Conference. Lay representation takes ed as we think it should have been; and a Prase agreed with the sentiment of the resolution, the first rank, and with it a suggestion which Meeting at about 10 o'clock in the Grafton but argued against its being pressed in a we trust will be secure of the sanction of Street School Room. In the alternoon large nearly 1000 tickets of admission were issu- wonderful advantage beside the best of thought the form too individual; another Conference reduced to such small propor- the next Conference-namely, the appoint those who vied with them from other parts. did not like some expressions that favoured tions. Mr. Shaw and Dr. Qsborn repre- ment of a small Committee of ministers to meetings were held under the auspices of the This is true of the different religious bodies of servility; a third disagreed with the use sented the opposition, and it was ultimately prepare and formulate the business of the convention at Dartmouth, Richmond and the of a Scriptural allusion. Happily each agreed to refer the question to the May dis- Stationing Committee. Upon two matters Temperance Hall. Negotiations with the other Presbyterian point attacked found an ardent defender; so trict meetings. Then came the stage of a direct appeal is to be made to the distric In the evening, after the close of the regular

bodies in the Dominion with a view to union, have been progressing for some time; to every one of us are to remain intact, and of the innocents," but, by the happy and the words fragrant with devout memories what is popularly known as the "slaughter meetings. The first is the revision of dis-tricts. Plans and suggestions have been services in the churches of the city, Farewell Meetings were held at the Brunswick Street complished, it appears that England needs but there is much coquetting with all their the dear old form is to be promoted to the never failing device of a committee, that carefully drawn up during the past year, Wesleyan Church and the Temperance Hall, complished, if appears that England meets but there is much courting. The "Standards,"—Catechisms fine type and large size which will make it year of Grace 1872, as much as in any and Confession of Faith—are perpetually suitable to be bound up with the Book of a baby-farming arrangement. The Ex-Presidents, with the President and Secre- The second is the modification of the usage church was closed, to allow all the Delegates, It transpired during this conversation tary of the Conference, are to take charge of the itinerancy according to the terms or members of the Convention, to meet togethour neighbours. Two things seem very that our Kalenders for next year will con- of those notices of motion which could not stated in the motion brought forward by Dr. clear to us who look on calmly at all this; there is considerable difference of opinion tionary, and that the Book Committee con-if there be any life in them, present them "remainder" only is reserved for the next er to unite in the final services, in which they One all joined in singing a suitable hymn, and then united in a brief prayer, the Rev. Jabez A. Rogers leading, closing with the Lord's prayer

So at twenty minutes to ten the reading have full and free discussion. It relates to which was repeated in concert ; after which the evidence that our Presbyterian brethren are not exempt from the trials of ministerlife of every one of its members, but also for good upon the various places from which they

came.

Miscellaneons.

The most astonishing cure of Chronic Diar-

rea we ever heard of is that of Wm. Clark, Frankfort mills, Waldon Co, Maine; the facts The delegates from various Associations in the Maritime Provinces gathered in the Grafton Street Wesleyan Church in this city to the num ber of about 150, on Thursday morning, the by "Johnson's Anodyne Liniment

5th inst. Atter an introductory prayer-meet- Hon, Joseph Farewell, Mayor of Rockland ing, which was led by Mr. Hales of Charlotte-town, Mr. J. B. Morrow, President of the last srs. Pope, Bros. Machias, Me, Lumber mer-srs. Pope, Bros. Machias, Me, Lumber Cavalry Convention, took the Chair, and called the chants, fully endorsed the "Sheridan Cavalry meeting to order. Devotional everying of the pro-A. W. N. of speech-making, but very much feeling; department. During these votes, the ven- the conducted by the Rev. John Forrest, after mending them.

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