

Travellers' Guide—Toronto Time.

Table with columns for departure and arrival times for various railroads including Grand Trunk East, Grand Trunk West, Great Western Railway, Northern Railway, Toronto and Nipissing Railway, Toronto and Bruce Railway, and Hour of Closing of Mails from Toronto Post Office.

The Daily Recorder.

TORONTO, SATURDAY OCT. 3, 1874. A PARTING WORD WITH OUR READERS.

We have been cheered during our editorial labors during the last fortnight by many words of approval from appreciative friends. We have also had some kindly criticism concerning some of the shortcomings of our little paper, short comings of which none are more conscious than ourselves, and some criticism not so kindly. Some have rather unreasonably objected to the presence of advertisements at all. We remind such that these were necessary to make the publication possible at all without serious financial loss, such as the Book Steward did not feel warranted in incurring. The paper has also extended to four issues more than were at first expected. Others thought the reports not full enough. But if reported in full they would require a sheet many times larger than the Recorder, and in few instances would give more than a condensed statement of the substance of an address. In those exceptional cases—the principal sermons and public addresses—a professional reporter was employed, and the text being fully given. It will be found, we think, that nothing of very great importance is omitted, or very cursorily treated; and our reports are much more full than any others, even those of the great dailies. Some again objected to the number of biographical sketches, while others thought them the most interesting features of the paper. It will be remembered that they were promised as one of the features of our paper, and the pledge had to be kept. It is possible that occasional errors of fact may have occurred, but no intentional injustice has been done any of the subjects of these sketches. We would say to our readers in conclusion, Be to our faults a little blind; Be to our virtues very kind. And accept our services as an honest attempt to chronicle the great important deliberations of the First General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada—VALE, VALETTE.

RENDER A REASON.

The reasons why the portraits of some members of the General Conference did not appear in the DAILY RECORDER, to detail them all, are these:—Some charged us to write no account of them; a large number furnished no data; several who did furnish data, did not give their names; two or three names we could not decipher; and lastly, the paper ceases to be published, and drops the curtain on us all. One word more: the unhappy wight who has drawn the larger number of the portraits, as he has been the subject of all kinds of remarks, friendly and some not so friendly, wishes to say, he did not seek the position, but was sought after to fill it; he disclaims all intentional depreciation of any one, and as indignantly disclaims, which if there is any difference, would be a worse offence, all disposition to flatter any one. All he has said, he has honestly believed. But some will say, "Why give any coloring at all to your portraits? Would not the simple detail of their birth-place, age, and the positions they had filled be enough?" No; no one would read such dry details, and no one would want to purchase, or read a paper which contained them. All want to hear the man speak, and see him move. Some of the notices were of this dry, bald kind, and

they have been found fault with. Our last plea to disarm hostile criticism is this: that they were all written in a huge hurry, in the midst of fifty other engagements, and amid a thousand interruptions. Try your hand at it yourself, the next time, our complaining friend, and see if you will come out any better. EDITOR OF THE SKETCHES.

THE LATE CONFERENCES.

The Conference has become a matter of history. Its decisions have been recorded. They have become the law of the church. Its actors have departed. We stand as yet too near the event to apprehend its true import. Only in the perspective of years will its full grandeur be apparent. It will be for all time a great landmark in the history of our church—the beginning of what will be, we are confident, a period of unprecedented progress and prosperity. We cannot in the hurry of the present moment duly weigh or estimate its important results.

The grand principle of Christian union which has been so triumphantly asserted, is in accordance with the broad feelings of Christian brotherhood, which is more and more, we believe, animating all the churches. We are persuaded that the advantages of this union will be so manifold that men will wonder that it was not consummated long ago. We are not without hope that before another General Conference shall arrive, some, if not all of the sister Methodist Churches, still standing apart from the union, shall have given their adhesion to the grand movement in the onward march of humanity, and in the triumphant progress of the Church of Christ.

We hope, too, and are assured, that it will lead to more intimate relations with our fellow countrymen and fellow Methodists in the eastern portion of this Dominion, such as will be greatly to our mutual benefit. We have already learned to love and revere the honored brethren from that portion of our common country, and look forward with pleasure to increased intimacy and closer relationships. The consolidation of the various educational, Missionary, and other interests of the church cannot fail to give them greater efficiency, and secure for them the broader sympathy and still more hearty support of the church at large.

What now remains is for each individual member of the entire body to devote himself with a new dedication to the great work of Christian effort; and above all to look for the blessing and approval of Him without whom nothing is wise, or good, or strong, or holy. "Except the Lord conduct the plan, The best concerted schemes are vain, And never can succeed."

But of this divine assistance we have the pledge in the promise of His Word. In Him are the resources of our strength. In Him are the munitions of our warfare. And to Him shall be all the glory, world without end. Amen.

THE REV. MR. EBY'S LECTURE, which could not be held last Thursday night, because of the rain, will (D.V.) be delivered next Thursday evening, chair taken at half past seven. The subject as before, "Switzerland and the Alps." The avails also to be given in aid of the new church, building at the Don. The tickets now in circulation will answer; the holders will please change the date from Sept. 30 to October 8th. Please give them a full house.

The Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, M.A., arrived in town Wednesday night with a party of about 50 girls and a few boys, from the Wesleyan Children's Home in England. He proceeded to the branch Home at Hamilton next morning but is expected to return in time to visit the Conference. Mr. S. will be warmly welcomed in Canada by the host of friends whom he made in his last visit. P.S.—Mr. Stephenson was presented to the Conference yesterday, and delivered a brief address.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. SIXTEENTH DAY.

At nine o'clock the President took the chair, and after devotional exercises, the Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

Rev. E. CLEMENT read the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church, several parts of which were the subject of a lengthened and profitable conversation, but in consequence of other matters of business still demanding the attention of the Conference, it was considered best to lay the report on the table until the next General Conference.

Rev. E. B. HARPER, M.A., moved a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that the President shall prepare an Address to be sent to the members of the church within the bounds of this General Conference.

Rev. W. S. GRIFFIN moved and Rev. J. GRAY seconded a resolution which was unanimously adopted, that the President of Conference and Chairmen of Districts in the Methodist New Connexion Church shall be members of the Stationing Committee; and also the President and member nominated by the same Conference shall be members of the Transfer Committee.

Rev. JAMES GRAY read the Report of the Contingent Fund Committee, which comprises the objects for which the Fund is established, viz.: relief of cases of sickness, and help to needy circuits. There shall be two Sections, Eastern and Western. The former to comprise all those portions of the work comprised within the bounds of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland Conferences. The Western, Toronto, London, and Montreal Conferences. Collections to be taken in both sections during the months of September and March.

The Committee of the Annual Conferences shall be elected in the same manner as at present. All applications for aid to be approved by the May Quarterly Meeting, and all grants appropriated to Districts shall be divided among the needy Circuits at the Financial District Meetings. Rev. J. Gray and Mr. J. Lister shall be Treasurers for the Western Section, and the Rev. J. Taylor and Mr. H. B. Macnutt shall be Treasurers for the Eastern Section.

There shall be a Committee of five persons to be called the Investment Fund Committee, which shall consist of the following persons: Revs. Dr. Green, Iyerson, James Gray, Messrs. J. Macdonald and J. Lister.

Rev. W. HALL, M.A., read the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was pronounced a very excellent document. It referred to the various forms of Sabbath desecration that prevail, such as work done in Post Offices, Railways, and Canals. The statutes of the Dominion relating to Sabbath observance are very good, and, therefore, every means should be adopted to sustain those who defend the law; but the committee regrets that there are various forms of Sabbath breaking in households, such as late rising on the Sabbath, only attending one public service per day, and neglecting to take the children to church, reading newspapers, and visiting on the holy day.

The committee recommends that greater prominence shall be given to preaching on the subject of Sabbath breaking, and, as far as possible, on the same day, the third Sabbath in January. Hon. Judge JONES moved, and Judge DEACON seconded that the following persons shall be corresponding members of the Church Property Committee, viz.: Rev. G. Young, Manitoba; W. Pollard, British Columbia; and Rev. J. Cassidy, Bermuda.

The Missionary Committee recommended that the following committee shall be appointed specially to look after the French work: President of the Montreal Conference, President of the Theological Institution, Montreal; Superintendent of the Montreal City Circuits, and the following laymen: Hon. J. Ferrier, J. W. Lauren, J. Ferrier, jun, J. Hilton, S. Finley, J. Macpherson, J. M. Millen, W. Clendenning, and J. A. Mathewson.

The committee further recommended that the site selected for the Mission House, near the Metropolitan Church, be retained. The Conference approved. The Committee on the Discipline reported that they cannot recommend the formation of a Court of Appeal. The said committee recommend that the Rev. J. A. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, W. Scott, Assistant Secretary, and S. Rose, Book Steward, be a Committee to publish the Discipline.

The same Committee recommend that a Special Committee be appointed at each Annual Conference, to transact any business which was omitted or could not be transacted at Conference, and shall consist of the President and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, and five other members, to be elected by the Conference.

Rev. H. POPE moved that the following be a substitute for the rule which states who shall preside at the Quarterly Official Meeting: "The Superintendent of the Circuit, or Chairman of the District, when he is present in his official capacity or otherwise." The Conference approved the substitute. A new chapter is to be inserted on Leaders Meetings.

Some slight emendations are made in the section which relates to the qualifications of the Stewards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the session was commenced with devotional exercises, follow by the reading of the minutes of the previous session. A resolution was adopted to the effect that all the appropriations made to the various Districts by the late Annual Conference, shall be approved, and when these several amounts have been paid from the income, a portion of the balance shall be appropriated towards liquidating the present debt of the Contingent Fund.

The following are the members of the Book Committee:

TORONTO CONFERENCE. Revs. Dr. Wood, E. B. Harper, A.M., N. R. Willoughby, A.M., J. E. Betts, J. Potts, W. Kennedy, R. Wilkes, M.P., Dr. Aikens and Dr. W. W. Ogden.

LONDON CONFERENCE. Revs. J. A. Williams, Dr. Rice, G. R. Sanderston, D. Savage, T. Cosford, and Dr. Clarke, J. Scarrif, T. Mitchell, D. Moore.

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Revs. J. Elliott, Dr. Douglas, W. Scott, W. J. Hunter, and Hon. J. Ferrier, J. Torrance, and M. Lavell, M.D.

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

Revs. J. McMurray, J. Latham, S. F. Heustis, J. Reid, and Mr. D. H. Starr.

NEW BRUNSWICK CONFERENCE.

Rev. H. Pope, Dr. Pickard, H. McKeown, J. R. Inch, A.M., and W. E. Dawson, N. B. Willoughby, M.A., J. Caswell, with J. W. Bickle, G. Young, R. Wilkes, M. P., J. Patterson, Sheriff Bell, W. Kennedy and J. Edwards, Esq., with the Book Steward and Editors.

The Rev. A. ANDREWS, Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee, presented a resolution recommending an additional clause to the constitution relating to teachers' meetings, which was approved; also recommending that the collection on behalf of the Sabbath School Committee shall be taken up in the schools in the month of November. On behalf of the Committee on Discipline the Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS presented the following from the Committee: It is recommended that the Rules of Order which were adopted by this General Conference shall be incorporated in the Book of Discipline, and be used also by the Annual Conferences.

A chapter to be inserted in the Book of Discipline authorizing Society meetings to be held quarterly, at which the ministers shall address the members of the church on their duties as church members, both public and private; read the Society rules, and official meetings; love-feasts also to be held quarterly, to which the members shall be admitted by presenting their Society tickets, Chapter 5, which relates to the trial of ministers, and complaints, &c., respecting members is altered in a few paragraphs. Also recommended that the leaders shall receive payment from their members for the support of the ministry, either weekly or quarterly, as they may desire.

Covenant services are also recommended to be regularly held, and a chapter is proposed giving directions as to how persons are to be received into full membership with the church.

Dr. PICKARD moved a resolution to suspend the rule relative to the reconsideration of any resolution already adopted, which was accepted by the Conference. On motion of Rev. J. GUNBY, it was resolved that the matter for which the rule was suspended should now be introduced, whereupon the Rev. A. Langford moved the insertion of the following in the Book of Discipline relative to baptism: 1. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? Ans. Infants, and believing adults who have not been baptized in infancy. 2. What is the mode of baptism? Ans. Sprinkling, or pouring; but should any candidates for baptism prefer any other mode, the officiating minister may comply with their request.

Wherever practicable let the ordinance be administered in the public congregation. Mr. J. GOODERHAM moved the following relating to ministers' salaries, instead of what was adopted at a previous session: That the salaries of married ministers, \$250; probationers, \$200; but the above shall not be so understood as to prevent circuits contributing liberal sums towards the items of table expenses, horse, fuel, travelling and incidentals.

Dr. STEWARD moved an amendment that the various items included in the allowances of married ministers ought not to be less than \$750, but the amendment was lost and the original motion prevailed. On motion of Mr. J. SQUELCH, seconded by Rev. W. McGUIRE, it was resolved that the thanks of this General Conference are due, and are hereby presented to the friends in Toronto for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference during its protracted sessions; and that the ministers shall present the same from their respective pulpits next Sabbath. Thanks of the Conference are also tendered to the Revs. J. Potts, J. Shaw, T. W. Jeffery, N. R. Willoughby, and S. J. Hunter, for the very efficient manner in which they have arranged for the comfort of the delegates of the Conference.

Rev. T. B. STEPHENSON, M.A., of the British Wesleyan Conference, and Secretary of the Children's Home, was introduced to the Conference, who received him by a rising vote. Mr. S. briefly addressed the Conference, and said that he felt obliged for the kindness now manifested to him. He took great interest in the subject of his delegation, and was glad to learn that all the proceedings of this Conference, consisting as it does of an equal number of ministers and laymen, had been characterized by such harmony and brotherly feeling. He hoped to have an opportunity of seeing many of the members of the Conference again, as it was his intention to spend a few weeks in the country, when he would have the pleasure of a further acquaintance with them. The session was closed with the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 the President took the chair, and gave out the 436th hymn, after the singing of which the Rev. D. Savage led in prayer. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

On motion it was resolved that the Executive Committee shall be the Committee on Union to confer with other denominations on the subject of Methodist Union. On motion of Dr. PICKARD the thanks of the Conference were presented to the Rev. J. A. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, for the very efficient services which he has rendered during this Conference, and that as an acknowledgment of the service, the sum of \$50 be presented to him. Rev. J. HART presented the report from the Committee on Conference Expenses, which was adopted. The amount received by means of collections in all the Annual Conferences amounts to \$2,924.66, which has not all the expenses connected with the Conference, and leaves a small balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Rev. S. Rose. The President nominated the following as the members of the Executive Committee, which were approved by the Conference. The President began at the most Eastern Conference: Newfoundland—Rev. G. S. Milne, Hon. J. J. Rogerson; New Brunswick—Rev. H. Pope, Hon. Judge Wilmot; Nova

Scotia; Rev. J. McMurray, Hon. S. L. Shannon; Montreal—Rev. J. Elliot, Hon. J. Ferrier; Toronto—Rev. Dr. Wood, Mr. W. H. Gibbs; London—Rev. J. A. Williams, Judge Jones; with Revs. Dr. Rice, Dr. Nelles, D. D. Currie, D. Swasey, Dr. Street, and Mr. Johnson, Dr. Aiken, Hon. Judge Young, R. Wilkes, Esq., M. P. and J. Macdonald, Esq.

On motion it was resolved that the following shall be a Committee to present the address to His Excellency the Governor-General; the President and the Vice-President of the Conference, with the ministers in Ontario City, and W. H. Walker and J. Rochester, Esqs.

A resolution of thanks was presented to the various railway and steamboat companies for their kindness in allowing the members of the Conference to travel at a reduced rate to and from this Conference. On motion of Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS the third Sabbath in November was set apart as a day of special thanks to the Almighty for the beautiful harvest granted this country during the present year.

On motion of Dr. PICKARD the Book Steward and Editor are to prepare quarterly tickets for the various Annual Conferences at their next sessions. A conversation took place as to when the new Discipline shall come into force, when the chair ruled that it must of necessity come into practice immediately.

A resolution of thanks was moved by Judge JONES and seconded by J. SCARFF, Esq., to the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church for its use during the sessions of this General Conference.

Rev. W. S. BLACKSTOCK moved a resolution of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Ryerson for the kind manner in which he has presided at the various sessions of this Conference. The Conference adopted the resolution by acclamation. The venerable President acknowledged the resolution which had been so kindly adopted by the Conference, and in doing so he was the subject of such deep emotion, that it was with the utmost difficulty that he spoke. He was thankful to the Conference, and thankful to the giver of all good that he had been spared to see this hour. He rejoiced in the consummation of the Union, so that now the influence of their General Conference extended from ocean to ocean. As he was bordering on three score years and ten, and will soon have completed the 50th year of his ministry, he could not expect to be spared much longer, but he assured the Conference that to his latest hour he would not forget the kindness which had been exercised towards him by his brethren with whom he had been so long associated. He loved his country, and he loved his church, and though he could not claim exemption from the common infirmities of mankind, yet he had ever endeavored in all things to aim at the glory of God and the welfare of the church with which he had always regarded it as the highest honor of his life to be associated.

The utmost stillness prevailed at this time, and all present seemed to feel the solemnity of the occasion as the parting hour drew nigh. The well known hymn, "Blest be the dear untiring love," &c., was sung, and the Rev. John Hyerson, Dr. Green and the Presidents engaged in fervent prayer, the latter pronouncing the benediction, and thus closed this first General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, an era never to be forgotten.

Just as the Conference was being dispersed the President announced that a telegram had been received announcing that their Hon. friend Judge Wilmot, had been elected President of the Evangelical Alliance in Montreal, an announcement which was received with great interest.

To the Committee for adjusting the work on these circuits occupied both by Wesleyan and Methodist New Connexion ministers, add the names of Rev. G. R. Sanderston and W. Tindall, and Judge Jones, which were omitted.

As there was a great press of business on the last day of the Conference, the reports of speeches have been greatly curtailed, and for the same reason the names of the movers and seconders of resolutions have sometimes been omitted.

LITERARY NOTICES.

CANADIAN MONTHLY AND NATIONAL REVIEW, October, 1874. Toronto: Adam Stevenson & Co. This vigorous native monthly under the able editorship of Prof. Goldwin Smith continues to maintain its place as the first of Canadian magazines. The opening article is one on Christian life and character as read in the Catacombs, by Rev. W. H. Withrow, M.A. It gives illustrations of the social position, trades and occupations, civil offices, domestic relations and home life, filial, parental and conjugal affections, and general character and condition of the Christians at Rome during the first five centuries. The evidence is principally derived from the epitaphs and paintings of the Catacombs, which throw a light upon the subject not to be found in any other contemporary record.

The other articles are:—The King of the Mountains—The March to Coomassie—Russian Reminiscences—Down the St. Lawrence on a Raft—Current Events and Current Literature, and the usual variety of poetry. The editor's current criticism is, as usual, vigorous, racy, keen and trenchant. Prof. Goldwin Smith is, we think, one of the very best writers of English, living.

Connexional Notices.

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of the following: Ottawa, per Chairman, \$55; For Manitoba Colliery, Mrs. John Ross, Brockville, per Rev. G. McRitchie, \$30.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND. The Treasurer thankfully acknowledges the following, received per Rev. A. Sutherland: Mr. and Mrs. John Mathewson, Montreal, proceeds of "Golden Wedding Fund," 1874, \$35 61; Mrs. Dorcas, Treasurer.

CENTREVILLE.

There will be a four days' meeting in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Centreville, commencing on Sabbath, October 31st. Services at 10.30 a.m., 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Both clerical and lay brethren are cordially invited to attend. W. RILAND.