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THE CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Several very important Conference appointments were made yesterday. The indefatigable Book Steward, Rev. S. Rose, has vindicated his claim to re-election to the important office which he holds, by the distinguished success which has attended his administration of business in the past.

We have learned with unfeigned pleasure since the above was in type that Mr. John Macdonald and Rev. J. A. Williams were elected Representatives to the M. E. Church of the United States, and Judge Wilmont and Rev. Dr. Douglas those to the M. E. Church South. Revs. W. Williams and James Gray will represent us at the next M. E. Conference in Canada, and R. Wilkes, Esq., and Dr. Green at the next Primitive Methodist Conference.

EXPLANATION.—We are sorry that notwithstanding all the care and observation in preparing copy and reading proofs, that some have been grieved at the omission of what they said, and in other instances some contend that they have been fully represented. We beg to assure all the members of the General Conference that we have not intentionally misprinted, or neglected any one. We have simply done what we were told to do, viz., give an impartial report, and as far as space would allow a full report. This we have conscientiously done.

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

THIRTEENTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION. At nine o'clock the President announced the 510th hymn, the Secretary read the Scriptures, and Rev. J. Forman led in prayer. The Minutes of the presiding session were read and confirmed. Dr. OGBEN presented the report of the Book and Publishing Committee, which was adopted. The first part related to the election of the Book Committee. Various amendments were made or suggested.

Dr. GREEN, seconded by Dr. Rice, moved that the Committee should consist of nineteen members. Rev. E. H. DEWART suggested that as important interests are to be transferred to this Committee, which can only be reviewed once in four years, therefore a large and influential committee should be appointed. Rev. W. S. BLACKSTONE said that a small committee is always more effective than a large one, and therefore he would go for that which would ensure efficiency.

Rev. J. C. SLATER moved that the members of the several Annual Conferences now present shall meet and nominate its own proportion of the Book Committee, which resolution was adopted. Judge JONES was greatly in favor of the ministers and laymen being elected in equal numbers to the Book Committee, and argued strongly in favor of this arrangement, but Rev. G. R. SANDERSON said that the number of ministers on the Committee from the West at least, was to be far less in number than the former Book Committee, an arrangement of which he very much disapproved; and Rev. A. HURIBURT reminded the Conference that in times past when the Book Room was in straightened circumstances, the laymen could not be held responsible for any of the indebtedness, the whole had to be borne by the ministers.

The number of Connexional periodicals was the next subject in order for discussion. The Committee recommended that the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN should be continued at Toronto, and the Provincial Wesleyan at Halifax. The Evangelical Witness to be continued in its present form, but at the end of the present year it shall be incorporated with the GUARDIAN. A lengthy discussion was continued on the name of the paper for the Western Conferences. Some proposed an entirely new name, Provincial Methodist was suggested, and seemed to have many advocates. Revs. Dr. Rice, Dr. Green, E. H. DEWART, A. Sutherland, R. Jones, J. Brock, W. Williams, Mr. W. BEATY, and Mr. SQUELCH all took part in this debate, which concluded by the resolution being adopted for the name to be the "Christian Guardian and Evangelical Witness."

Dr. DOUGLAS hoped that such a sum would not be required. Rev. S. ROSE wanted to fix the sum at \$500. Rev. A. NICOLSON, though a stranger comparatively, yet he thought he could see that if the Montreal paper were started it would diminish the circulation of the GUARDIAN, and therefore that care need be exercised, lest while building up one interest another should become weakened. Dr. RICE wanted the financial aspect of this question not to be lost sight of. He was in favor of all that could be done to circulate pure, wholesome literature among the people of the province of Quebec; but still it would be well to endeavor to ascertain how far there was likelihood of the paper being a paying concern.

Mr. J. MACDONALD was astonished at the line of argument pursued by some. It opposes progress. He was a friend of the GUARDIAN and thought it was well edited, but it was not extensively circulated among our people in the east, and he thought that they were worthy of having a paper of their own. The liberality of Montreal was well known, and if they should even require \$1,500 a subsidy, it would be money well spent. He hoped that Manitobas would soon have a paper of its own, and the sooner the better. Dr. DOUGLAS would remind the Conference of the central position of Montreal, and the long distance between it and Toronto. He did not object to the GUARDIAN except that he thought that it was too much localised in its influence and notices of connexional affairs. Mr. A. SUTHERLAND claimed the right of reply. As had been stated the distance between Montreal and Toronto is great, consequently, before the GUARDIAN can reach them below, news is no longer fresh, while their people cannot be induced to subscribe for it as they ought. He thought that churches should not be anxious about laying up wealth, but rather to do good and communicate. Of course he favored the idea of publishing a paper, and he hoped that no subsidy would be required, and he assured the Conference that any profits that might occur would come back to the Book Establishment in Toronto.

Rev. W. GRIFFIN thought if the different Conferences were going to have their respective organs, the London Conference ought to have one also. Rev. J. GRAHAM from what he knew of the Province of Quebec, felt that a periodical would supply a long felt want. Rev. E. H. DEWART in defence said that he had no local feeling to gratify, he published everything as fast as he got it. If the minister in Montreal would send him news he would be most happy to insert it. It would be borne in mind that not one cent was granted for any correspondence or leading articles, all has to be done by the Editor. This is not the case with the papers in the States and many others. He hoped that the amount wanted for Montreal would not exceed \$1,000.

The recommendation of the Committee prevailed, namely that the Book Committee shall confer with the gentlemen in Montreal, relative to the publishing of a weekly paper and establishing a Book Depository, and in case it should be deemed prudent to make the attempt, the Book Steward shall give a subsidy of not more than \$1,000 if required. AFTERNON SESSION. At 2.30 the 527th hymn was sung, and the Rev. G. N. A. F. T. DIXON led in prayer. Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Publishing Interests having recommended the publication of a monthly magazine, that subject was not taken up, and several members expressed their opinion respecting the project. Rev. E. HURIBURT was of opinion that such a magazine required to be well sustained, and especially there should be an Editor of no ordinary ability. He was of opinion that we had such a person as the amongst us, but he had his doubts as to whether such a magazine could be made a paying concern at least for some years. Then, too, the Editor should be at liberty to employ men of brain to prepare such articles as would keep up with the times. As there is a monthly at present published by the Rev. A. Sutherland, called Earnest Christianity, it was thought that it would not be desirable that a Connexional Magazine should also be in circulation unless Earnest Christianity would be merged with it. A resolution was therefore moved by Rev. Dr. PICKARD to the effect that whereas it is believed that the publication of a Monthly Magazine would tend greatly to the edification of our people, the Book Committee are directed at their first meeting after Conference to take the matter into their serious consideration, and if they deem it advisable, they shall commence publishing the magazine forthwith.

Rev. A. SUTHERLAND explained the present condition of Earnest Christianity, after which the Rev. J. POTTS said their could not now be the shadow of a doubt but that the time had come when a Connexional Magazine could be made a paying concern. The recommendation of the committee respecting the publication of a German periodical was then taken up. Rev. C. S. EBY has for some time been engaged with such a publication, and now desires that the Conference should instruct the Book Committee to do so, providing the Missionary Committee will give a subsidy and also subscribe for 200 copies of the periodical. Several questions were asked about the project when it was accepted, that the paper is now doing a great deal of missionary work, it is appreciated and commended by many of those who are acquainted with it, it is the only periodical that circulates anything of Methodist literature. There being a general desire for further information, Rev. C. S. EBY was loudly called for. He took the floor and for a considerable time addressed the members of the General Conference in an earnest and eloquent manner respecting the subject in hand. He had some type worth about \$350, with a debt about \$500, the expenses of maintaining the paper are \$1,400 annually with an income of \$800. The Missionary Society made a generous offering of \$500 last year in view of missionary matters being matter in the columns. He did not consider that the Church was legislating for the present time, but for all time; and argued that a liberal policy should be pursued especially in regard to our German work. He instanced what was done to assist Dr. NAST, when he began his labors in the United States. The M. E. Church gave him \$5,000 to help his publications and now there was in that country no less than seven German Conferences, with fifty Ministers and 50,000 members. Dr. NAST had written him some very encouraging

letters, in which he thanked God that Mr. EBY was publishing the journal for the Germans in Canada. In the United States they had subsidized Dr. NAST for 10 years and now they pay the Editor a salary of \$4,000. Mr. EBY referred to the rapid increase of Germans in the Western part of this vast Dominion, and the efforts which were being made to poison the minds of the Germans against Methodism especially. Among them there are eight weekly papers regularly circulated, most of which were saturated with a wretched Neology. This he was desirous to counteract, and even in some so called religious papers he had found sentiments which propagated baptismal regeneration and similar dogmas. Some of the United States German papers come into Canada and they contained sentiments of disloyalty to our beloved Queen. At present there are only five or six Ministers laboring under this Conference among the Germans; but they had not labored in vain. He referred specially to Preston. The paper which he now published found its way in considerable numbers into Germany and various parts of England. The Germans are a reading people and though our membership is small, there is a larger number of them in proportion who take the paper than there are among the English speaking people who take the GUARDIAN. He earnestly hoped that the prayer which he had presented to the Committee for help would not be heard in vain, for unless he obtained help the publication must cease, and our people would become so much discouraged that he was afraid the consequences would be of the most perilous nature.

Rev. R. WHITING hoped that the Conference would consider the matter now before them in the most favorable manner, and referred to instances of success connected with the German work on the Ottawa which were exceedingly gratifying. Rev. L. GAERTZ moved the following Resolution which was adopted unanimously: "That this Conference express its earnest sympathy with the German work, and that Section C of the Book Committee's Report be referred to the Missionary Committee with the earnest recommendation that the prayer be granted." The elections of Book Stewards and Editors was then proceeded with. Revs. W. J. Griffin, G. S. Huestis, J. Lathern, and W. J. Hunter, were appointed to assist the Secretaries in counting the ballots. The Rev. S. ROSE was appointed Book Steward by a large majority, there being no less than 119 ballots in his favor. The few scattering votes no doubt were made for a little pleasantry. Mr. ROSE thanked the Conference for the honor they had done him by the election. He never was fond of speaking, making, and as he gets older he becomes more and more averse to it. He had been since he entered the Book Room, emphatically a man of one work. He had steadily kept his eye upon the interests confided to him. No doubt success greatly depended not upon himself, but upon the united efforts of the ministers, who could do a great deal towards making his career a successful one. He sought the smile of God daily on the vast interests committed to his care, and he believed that his success hitherto was to be mainly attributed to this fact. Some thought him hard, but they little knew the vast interests with which he had to do, and the difficulties with which he had to grapple in reducing the debt \$33,000.

The Editor and Book Steward of the Provincial Wesleyan, Halifax, N. S., was next in order. When the ballots were counted it was found that the present incumbent, Rev. A. W. NICOLSON, was the choice of his brethren, there being 120 votes cast in his favor. Mr. N. ascended the platform, and expressed himself as being very thankful for this expression of confidence. He took the liberty of saying that since their coming to Toronto, he and his brethren from the East had received nothing but the greatest kindness. The hospitality of the people had been unbounded, for all which they felt profoundly thankful, and took this opportunity of so expressing himself. When he was first appointed to the office of Editor and Book Steward, he was taken from a work which he dearly loved, and in which he had spent many happy days. He would do all in his power to meet the wishes of the Conference. His work was hard, but he was happy in the discharge of duty. The ballot was next cast for Editor of the Christian Guardian, when it was found that 94 votes were cast for the present incumbent, which was a very large majority. Mr. DEWART addressed the Conference, thanking them for their confidence in placing him in such an onerous position at this important juncture of their church history. He avowed his loyalty to the cause of Methodism, and his unswerving fidelity to truth and righteousness. He hoped that the brethren would do all they could to help the circulation of the Guardian, and speak a good word just whether they approved of the editor or not.

The ballot was next taken for Assistant Editor, when Rev. W. H. WITHROW, M.A., was declared duly elected. Mr. W. was loudly called for. He said he felt satisfied at the result of the ballot, though he had hardly dared to expect it. He had strong faith in the future of this country, and in the mission and prosperity of Methodism. All that he possessed of heart and brain should be thrown into the work assigned to him.

On motion of Rev. Prof. BURWASH, seconded by Rev. W. J. HUNTER, it was resolved that our Missionary Secretaries shall now be elected, when it was found that in the first ballot, there were 89 votes for Dr. WOOD, which was a large majority of the whole. The venerable doctor said he was thankful, as he never had an appointment which he had sought. He never wrote a line for, nor asked a vote in his life. He had endeavored to follow the leadings of Providence, and was thankful that he had received help unto this day. When he came to Upper Canada he made sacrifices, but he came at the request of the fathers at home for a term of two years, accompanied by his

beloved friend, Dr. Rice, and there he had remained. His life had not been without trials, as they all knew; but he was thankful that he had had grace according to his day. He valued this vote, especially as the Conference was of a mixed character, and he regarded the appointment as from God. He asked the favor of the prayers of his brethren; and said that the sentiment of Satorius was his: "I enter not on this work for gain, or good days, but to assist in spreading the Redeemer's kingdom."

The Assistant Secretary was next balloted for, when it was found that there was no election in the first ballot, though the successful candidate was within three votes of being elected; a second ballot was therefore called for, said that he was almost overwhelmed with the honor now conferred upon him; but this he knew, that the office involved harder work and graver responsibilities. His parish would now be a very extensive one, as it would extend all the way from the banks of Newfoundland to Sarnia, to say nothing of the Missionary Districts in the North-west. He had been told, that even should he not have been elected, he had a good place in Montreal, so that he was all right any way. It had been said, that young men should prepare themselves for office and look forward with anticipation to the time when they might be occupants of the same; but he believed that the best mode of preparation was to work hard wherever you might be. One thing he was certain of, the office to which he had been appointed was no sinecure.

The last office balloted for was that of Treasurer of the Missionary Society; but though last, it was by no means considered the least in importance. John Macdonald, Esq., was unanimously elected to that office. Mr. M. thanked the Conference, and assured them that he was not ambitious about office, and would not retain the Treasurership one moment longer than the Conference gave him their unanimous confidence; as it was no pecuniary benefit to him, all he desired was the welfare of the church and the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom. During his occupancy of office the funds had largely increased, not that he attributed the increase to himself, by any means. He had often been compelled to assume important liabilities, and was glad that the position of the Society had become so important as it is, there being an income of \$120,000. Mr. W. H. GIBBS moved, and Mr. James SQUELCH seconded a resolution, which was carried unanimously, that the next General Conference shall be held in Montreal, commencing on the first Wednesday in September, 1878, at nine o'clock a.m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 the President took the chair, and announced a hymn, after the singing of which the Rev. H. WILLIAMS led in prayer. Minutes of the afternoon session were read and confirmed.

The first business in order was the appointment of the members of the Central Board of the Missionary Committee.

- Rev. E. Ryerson, D.D., President of General Conference. Rev. J. A. Williams, President of London Conference. Rev. E. Wood, D.D., President of Toronto Conference. Rev. J. Elliott, President of Montreal Conference. Rev. E. Wood, D.D., and A. Sutherland, Secretaries. John Macdonald, Lay-Treasurer. Rev. J. McMurray, President of Nova Scotia Conference. Rev. H. Pope, President of New Brunswick Conference. Rev. S. J. Milligan, President of Newfoundland Conference. Rev. David Savage, President of New Connexion Conference.

Elected by the Annual Conferences.

- MINISTERS. Dr. Green. Dr. Rice. S. M. Ritchie. S. T. Huestis. Dr. Pickard. Thomas Harris. W. Williams. LAYMEN. W. H. Gibbs, Toronto. Judge Jones, London. Judge Deacon, Montreal. E. C. Foster, New Brunswick. Judge Wilmont, Nova Scotia. Hon. J. J. Rogerson, Newfoundland. R. Wilkes, M.P., New Connexion.

with the following elected by the laymen at the General Conference, Hon. J. Ferrier, G. H. Starr, W. E. Sanford, W. Clendenning, and J. Lister, Esqs. Dr. NORRIS read Report No. 2 of the Committee on the Itinerary and Ministerial Support, which recommended that the salary of married ministers shall be \$800 and travelling expenses, and that the minimum shall not be a less total than \$750. The salary of single ordained ministers \$200, and that of probationers, \$150, besides travelling expenses and board. The Committee also recommend what is commonly called the Envelope System and weekly support, as supplementary to the plan now observed in collecting moneys in support of the various funds of the church.

The first part of the Report was taken up and much time was consumed respecting its various items. Several enquiries were made respecting the mode which obtains in various parts of the Church. Rev. G. S. HUESTIS said that those coming from the Eastern Provinces did not understand this way of dividing the allowances into piecemeal, as it was the custom with them to appropriate a given sum, which generally exceeds that spoken of as the minimum in the Report. Several suggestions were made relating to amending the phraseology