

sources, even within a short distance of Ottawa, have so far escaped the attention of capitalists. With such water power unexpended, we may look forward to the time when articles of every day life will be manufactured at home on Canadian soil. These resources alone, irrespective of all others, must elevate this locality to a proud and prominent position.—Ottawa Citizen.

Provincial Wesleyan

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1862.

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British America, we require that Originals, Reprints, and other notices addressed to us from any of the Circles within the bounds of the Conference, shall reach through the hands of the Superintendent. Minister. Communications designed for this paper must be accompanied by the name of the writer in confidence. We do not undertake to return rejected articles. We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of our correspondents.

The Late Conference.

We give in the present number the fullest report of the proceedings in our Annual Conference, which has ever been presented to the readers of the Provincial Wesleyan. It is hardly necessary to say, that amidst the excitement of a debate, it is extremely difficult, at one and the same time, to take a part in the same and report its proceedings without incoherence; but as lay-reporters cannot be admitted, we have to do the best we can under the circumstances, and we fully expect to be judged to have done very well. Those who have so kindly assisted us are entitled to special thanks.

We trust the report on our first page, containing an account of the reception of the Canadian Deputation, will not be overlooked, but be read with interest and attention.

The Draft of Stations herewith published, must be considered as "under correction," not that we expect there will be any changes made in the List, but that they are actually read in Conference at its close—they are modified.—We obtained a copy, late on Friday evening, for publication, or it would have been delayed still another issue. The Conference was to meet on Saturday morning to hear the minutes read and the Stations confirmed, when the meeting would be finally closed; leaving but one impression upon the minds of all concerned, that the unanimity, and tact, and perseverance of the beloved President, and the harmony and good feeling of the brethren generally, with the genial visit of our Canadian brethren, have combined to make it a season which will not soon be forgotten.

Conference Proceedings.

(Continued from our last.)

On Friday the 29th a return was made of the number of members on the various Circuits.—The Secretary of the Children's Fund reported that the number of children to be provided for this year is 202, and that 76 members are required to provide the allowance for one child.

The Report of the Book Room Committee was read and adopted.

On Saturday the candidates for ordination were examined before the Conference. Their examination was most satisfactory to the brethren, and they were received by unanimous vote of the Conference.

At 11 A. M. the Deputation from Canada, consisting of the Revs. Dr. Stinson, President, R. Jones, Co-Delegate, and J. Gemley, Secretary of the Canada Conference, were introduced to the Conference. A large number of friends from the city were present by invitation. (The report of the proceedings will be found on our first page.)

On Sunday the President preached at Carlton at 11 A. M. In the afternoon the Conference Love-Feast was held. The Centenary Church was filled with the members of society from the different churches. A large number of ministerial and lay brethren spoke on the occasion. The session was one of high and hallowed delight. In the evening the Rev. Dr. Stinson preached in the Centenary Church, and the Rev. R. Jones in the German St. Church, and the Rev. J. Gemley in Exmouth St. Church, to the great satisfaction of the congregations assembling in those churches. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Centenary Church after the evening service.

The Conference met again on Monday at 9 A. M. A Resolution, tendering the thanks of the Conference to the Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., for his services as Book Steward, and as Editor of the Provincial Wesleyan, was adopted. The thanks of the Conference were also accorded to the Executive Book Committee for their services during the year.

The Report of a special Committee, appointed last year to examine into the state of the Book Room and Provincial Wesleyan affairs was presented.

The Report of the Sabbath School Committee was read and adopted.

The Report of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Contingent Fund Committee was read and adopted. The recommendation of the Committee that the Circuit accounts should be made out in the decimal currency was accepted.

The Report of the Superintendent and Ministers' Widows' Fund was read and adopted, leaving out the names of the Committee—the President ruling that all the Committees should be filed up together at the close of the Conference.

The Brethren Snowball, DeWolf, and Narraway were appointed to prepare the Pastoral Address.

The Brethren Angwin and Lathern were appointed to prepare the Address to the British Conference; and the Brethren England and DesBrisay to the Canadian Conference.

The Receipts of the Educational Fund were reported; and the Conference directed that the monies on hand should be invested.

The Address from the British Conference was read.

An amendment in the Constitution was adopted, in accordance with a resolution of which notice had been given last year, by which parties are allowed the opportunity of appearing before the Stationing Committee at its sittings, and stating any objection which they may have to their proposed appointments.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

On Monday evening the Ordination Service was held in the Centenary Church, commencing at half-past 7 P. M. This large Church was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to obtain admission to the Service.

The exercises were commenced by singing the 74th Hymn. "The Saviour, whom to heaven he rose, &c." after which, prayer was offered by the Rev. M. Richey, D.D., and J. Stinson, D.D.—The President read the first of the four Chapters of Ephesians, and then the Co-Delegate spoke as follows:

their conversion to God; of the fact that they are separated from the ungodly. Again, we require evidence that they have been called of God.—We believe that no man may choose the position for himself; that he must first be called of God, and the Church requires that candidates for our ministry should have been called of God. The latter part of no man can come here unless to perform a duty, through the proper courts, our duty declares, through the proper courts, that it is a proper person to be taken on trial. When this received, the candidates are continued on probation for four years, during which they are required to give continued evidence that they are men of God—willing to work for God. These young men before you have given such evidence, year by year—they have been subjected to careful examination, and they are now brought up here for ordination; we appeal to this large congregation to unite in prayer, that the Holy Spirit will come down now and baptize them anew for their work.

I am reminded that when twenty years ago, I stood with two others where these nine brethren now stand, I did feel that God answered prayer in connection with that service, and that we were commissioned anew for our work.

This congregation has confidence, we believe, in these brethren, and will concur in their being sent forth.

The Rev. J. McMurray then presented as Candidates for ordination, the Brethren Brown, Chapman, Duke, Howie, R. Johnson, Read, T. W. Smith, Sutcliffe, and Wasson.

The President announced that time would not permit him to call on all the candidates, but that some of them would give an account of their conversion, and call to the ministry.

Rev. John Read said:— My memory cannot bear me back to a period in which I was not the subject of Divine impressions and occasionally deep conviction of sin—I thank God for giving me a tender conscience so that I never knowingly committed sin without experiencing deep sorrow on account of it.—When fifteen years of age it pleased God to discover to me the guilt and depravity of my heart; and through the ministrations of the Rev. W. Allen I was brought to the feet of Jesus—enabled to believe on Him to the saving of my soul—and could say with a glad heart "My God is reconciled." My soul was happy in Christ. "Not a wave of trouble rolled across my peaceful breast." From that hour I have had an abiding evidence that I was accepted through my Saviour.

Some years since I believed it was my duty as well as my privilege to have a clean heart. For this I sought, and felt persuaded that my prayer was heard, and could testify that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin.—Having obtained help of God I continue until this day.

During my seventeenth year the operations of the Spirit on my soul were such that I felt fully convinced God had called me to proclaim the word of life—I shrank from such a thought—but the conviction became deepened, until I felt that to withstand it longer would be to endanger my own soul. I went forward, depending upon God for assistance—and found peace of mind in discharging my duty.—God has been with me—I often felt very happy in preaching Jesus—and the great Head of the Church has owned and blessed my feeble efforts in the salvation of souls.

The Methodist Church is the church of my choice—I love her doctrine—I love her economy—I love her people—I was through her instrumentality I was brought to Christ. She has taken me by the hand and led me on—and as I now present myself to be qualified for the full work of the Christian Ministry I pray God that I may never bring a reproach upon the cause of Christ, nor a stain upon this branch of the Redeemer's Church—I wish to "preach Him to all and cry in death, behold—behold the Lamb.

Rev. J. A. Dulke said:

I cannot recollect any period of my life, at which I had not the fear of God before my eyes, and an alarming apprehension of the consequences of sin, as it exposed me to His wrath. Through fear of death and hell I was continually subject to bondage. The time at which I was led earnestly and prayerfully to seek deliverance from this slavery of sin, and of my true conversion to God, is among the most vivid memories of my life; and of the change which was then effected within me, I have no more doubt than I should have of an instantaneous change from mid-night to mid-day. It was a sensible transition from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan under deep conviction of sin, and earnestly groaning for deliverance, ere the Lord spoke peace to my heart and lifted upon me the light of His countenance. I was then enabled to joy in God, through my Lord Jesus Christ by whom I received the atonement. This is about 12 years ago, and though I am conscious of having oft-times grieved His Holy Spirit, yet I thank God, He has never taken His Holy Spirit from me, and this moment the spirit of self-search witness with my spirit that I am a child of God. Between two and three years ago I was convinced powerfully that there were yet within me remains of the carnal mind which were enmity to God, and was led earnestly to seek deliverance therefrom; and to enjoy the perfect love of God; nor was this in vain; and it is in answer of my highest praise, that by the grace of God, I have since then been enabled to serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, and cheerfully to present my will, my affections, my gifts and talents upon the altar which sanctifieth the gift.

With regard to my call to the ministry, I feel it utterly impossible for me to describe the conflict which had been going on in my mind for years previously to my offering myself for this work. A deep impression of my call to preach, and a longing desire to testify my love to God, and the souls of my fellow men, was continually opposed by what was to me a dreadful sense of the responsibility of the work, and a crushing fear of my insufficiency. I fought on the side of my own infirmities, and resisted every impression of my duty to preach, and about five years ago, thought that I had effectually drowned the last voice of conscience in this matter, and then entered upon an academic course of medical study. I had not been prosecuting this course for six months, before the Lord overtook me, and laid upon me the hand of severe affliction, and causing me to despair of life—during my recovery however, all my old impressions regarding the ministry returned upon me with full force, to have again resisted which I felt would have been at the peril of my soul, and thus necessity was laid upon me, and a voice said within me, "was it me if I preach not the Gospel." I yielded, offered myself for the work, have been ordained by God therein in being made instrumental in His hands in winning souls to Christ. To Methodist I owe, under God, all my religious impressions.—was born of pious Methodist parents, and have been trained by them in the knowledge of God's word—was first led to seek personal salvation through the exercises of a pious Methodist friend, and have continually sat under his ministry, and now, in connection with this section of His Church, I heartily offer to God the remainder of my life, to be unreversed, spent in the service of preaching His truth—feeling my hearts' language to be

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