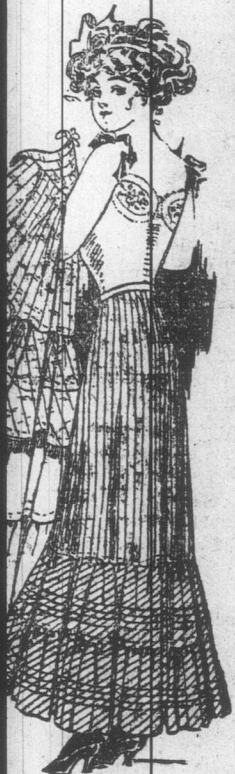


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JAPANESE CONSUL RECALLED.

Manila, Aug. 27.—Because of "per-
vious activity" Japanese Consul
says has been recalled by the Tokio
government. It is reported that this
action was taken on request of Sec-
retary of War Jacob M. Dickinson.

In Havd there is sunshine almost every
y in the year. Even during the rainy
ason the rain seldom falls until late in
the afternoon.

OLD FOOTNOTE SUPERSEDED

NEW RULE LEAVES IT TO INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE

Srenuous Debate in General Con-
ference Before the Change is
Adopted

(From Friday's Daily.)

"Forasmuch as these rules are to be
interpreted by the enlightened
Christian conscience according to the
principles of Christian liberty
revealed in God's Word, our mem-
bers are earnestly admonished that
they guard with great care their
reputation as servants of Christ;
and in the case of those amuse-
ments and practices which are of a
purtful and questionable nature
they engage in none injurious to
their spiritual life or incompatible
to their allegiance to Jesus Christ,
their Master."

The above new paragraph 35 of the
Book of Discipline of the Methodist
Church in Canada replaces the old
footnote, around which has been
waged so much contest for years past.
After considerable discussion in Gen-
eral Conference yesterday afternoon,
and the submission of several proposed
substitutes, this was adopted by an
almost overwhelming vote. Instead of
the direct prohibition of the old foot-
note the new one makes it a matter
with the individual conscience, who
emphatically declares against hurtful
or injurious amusements.

Paragraph 35 of the Discipline has
hitherto read: "The General Rules are
to be understood as forbidding neglect
of duties of any kind, imprudent con-
duct, indulging in strife, tempers and
words, the buying, selling or drinking
liquors as a beverage, dancing,
playing games of chance, encouraging
lotteries, attending theatres, horse-
races, circuses, reading papers, pat-
ronizing dancing schools, taking such
other amusements as are obviously of
a misleading or questionable moral
tendency, and all acts of disobedience
to the order and discipline of the
church."

The commission on rules, consisting
of thirty-five of the foremost pastors
and laymen of the church, have con-
sidered the matter during the past
quadrantum and recommended the
following to replace this:

"Par. 35. Note.—Mr. Wesley framed
these rules with no thought of legal-
ism after the manner of the ceremonial
requirements of the Jewish economy
and with no idea that their outward
observance would necessarily be the
Christian religion. His aim was
personal holiness and spiritual power.
These rules in his conception of them,
were notenary rules, a humane code to
be imposed upon the church, not a
but as they were drawn from the text
and essence of the Holy Scriptures
they were regarded by him as an in-
jection of the Christian life into the
life of the people. He did not at-
tempt to enumerate all the sins to
be avoided, nor all the duties to be
performed, but he summed up the
principles which under the appellation of 'Gen-
eral Rules' should be of great value to
every honest seeker of salvation. Prom-
inent in the design of Mr. Wesley was
the guarding of the church against
reverts against the evil influence of
worldliness and dissipating amuse-
ments, which are quite as dangerous
in our day as in his.

"The observance of these rules,
their prohibitions and injunctions, he
deemed to be essential both as evi-
dence of spiritual life and for the ad-
ministration of discipline."

Rev. J. Tallman Pitcher, Gananogue,
seconded by Dr. M. E. Armstrong,
Bridgewater, N. S., moved: "That the
rules of societies remain as in the
Discipline at present, except that the
note in section 35 be struck out." Mr.
Pitcher said the effect would be to
alter the footnote and not the recom-
mendation of the committee, which
explained nothing. In it the con-
ference would miss the plain, direct
language of Mr. Wesley.

Rev. Dr. Speer, Toronto, seconded by
Rev. Dr. Hincks, Toronto, moved in
amendment to the amendment: "It is
not assumed that the general rules of
the Methodist church are a complete
code of legal enactment by which
our people are to be held in bondage,
but they are to be understood as
pointing to the only perfect guide of
truth and practice, namely, first, the
Word of God, which liveth and abideth
for ever; secondly, to the infallible
scripture, the Son of the living God, who
is the perfect example of all; and,
thirdly, to the Holy Spirit, who shall
guide us into all truth."

Rev. Dr. James S. Ross, Hanover,
Ont., started with neither view. That
a whole paragraph which so affected
the people should be cut out and this
proposed clause substituted was a
great surprise to him, and would be to
the people of the church. He said
when they read their papers next day.
Not one conference had asked for the
change. After the frontal attack made
in the two last General Conferences
upon the footnote this was a flank at-
tack. This was unfair warfare.

Irwin Hillard, Morrisburg, Ont.,
stood up for the note with the same
substitution of "considered" for "under-
stood" at the outset.

Rev. G. W. Henderson, Peterboro,
said he was one of many people who
regretted that the footnote had ever
found its way into the Discipline. It
was small business and descending to
simulacra in telling their people what
they should and should not do. He
said that was in the General Rules
was due from the New Testament
and a great deal more. The New Testa-
ment said down to the great principles
intended to regulate Christians, and
that great conference might be con-
tinue to do the same. There were a
number of questionable and
sinful practices, when the church
started in to enumerate them it should
start in at dancing, theatre-going
and card playing. Was it not so that
great many young people do not
believe that to give up these less than
a dozen things was to become
religious? He had met young men and
women by the score who seemed to

have concluded that this was all re-
quired because the church had kept
these things in a prominent place.

Prof. W. W. Andrews, Sackville, N.
B., moved, seconded by Rev. Dr. Jas.
Wesley, New Westminster, "Forasmuch
as these rules are to be interpreted by
the enlightened Christian conscience
according to the principles of Chris-
tian liberty revealed in God's Word,
our members are earnestly admonished
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in the case of those amusements and
practices which are of a hurtful or
questionable tendency that they engage
in none injurious to their spiritual life
or incompatible with their allegiance
to Jesus Christ, their Master." Speak-
ing in support of this Dr. Andrews
said: "We can't play pope with our
people."

Principal W. I. Shaw, Montreal, pro-
posed that the conference declare itself
as opposed to such amendments as
were inimical to the social and moral
welfare of the church, such as dan-
cing, theatre-going, gambling, attending
horse-racing, tipping, bribery, etc.
Chancellor Burwash, on behalf of the
commission, of which Dr. Carman was
president, stated that enough memorials
had been presented at last conference
and the commission was appointed es-
pecially on the footnote. No prohibition,
no attempt to dictate to the consciences
of their people in matters of this kind
was likely to be successful. The church
had tried it since the footnote was first
introduced in 1888. It was well known
that many of their young people went
to the theatre and danced, and nothing
was said to them. If there was a rule
and no attempt made to keep it, it did
more harm than good, and became a
snare to the conscience.

Several other propositions were made
and for a time the conference was lost
in the maze. Considerable time was
spent in discussing whether a two-
thirds or three-fourths vote was re-
quired to change the footnote, whether
it was part of the constitution or not.
The general superintendent at first
ruled it was in the constitution and
needed a three-fourths vote, but he
later altered his ruling on this point.
He advised the conference to find out
where they were by voting on Mr.
Pitcher's amendment. If this carried,
there would be nothing to debate. The
footnote would be out altogether. If
it did not prevail the report of the
commission would be still before them
for alteration as they desired.

A great number of the delegates de-
sired to vote on Dr. Andrews' pro-
posal, and while not in favor of the
report did not desire to sweep the foot-
note away by supporting Mr. Pitcher.
Eventually a vote was taken on the
latter, but it appeared to be very close.
Confusion became worse confounded,
several delegates tried to be heard at
once, Dr. Carman was successfully ap-
pealed against in a ruling. Finally Mr.
Pitcher's amendment was declared lost.
Dr. Speer withdrew his in favor of Dr.
Andrews' proposal, and when a vote
was taken the latter was given the
support of almost every member in the
house.

Rev. Henry Halse, Newcastle-on-
Tyne, the general delegate from Brit-
ish Methodism, bade the conference
farewell during the afternoon. He
spoke eloquently and well of the great
hominities and the great church he had
been visiting, and added: "I will tell
the people in England that Methodism
in this land is regarding her immense
responsibilities with the utmost seri-
ousness. You have a great task. To you
is committed in large part the making
of this new nation, and if in fulfilling
that task you join yourselves to other
churches, and by that combination cre-
ate a real national church without
state entanglements, I believe that the
British Wesleyan Methodists in Eng-
land will regard you with the warm-
est sympathy and with all good
wishes." (Applause.)

Dr. Kilborn and Dr. Endicott, mis-
sionaries on furlough from the West
China field, described their work, and
Rev. Mr. Coates that in Japan.

Dr. Spencer, superintendent of the
Local Option League in British Colum-
bia, told the conference of the recent
plebiscite vote and of the league's en-
deavor to have the Canada Temper-
ance Act introduced in this province.

Rev. Dr. Hearty was, on a third bal-
lot, chosen as ministerial fraternal
delegate to the conference of the Meth-
odist Episcopal Church of the United
States. J. A. M. Atkins, K. C., had
been elected as the lay delegate at the
morning sitting.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26.—"I plead not
guilty." Speaking so low that the court
was compelled to ask him to repeat it,
Jesse P. Webb, of Seattle, charged
with murder for having killed W. A.
Caldwell, a farmer, whose body was
found stuffed in a trunk last year
stood in the Circuit court room yester-
day and entered his plea.

Mr. Marshall Kirsh, of Seattle,
who is charged jointly with Webb,
likewise entered a plea of not guilty.
Webb and Mr. Kirsh had not seen
each other for weeks. As the guards led
Webb back to his cell he attempted to
speak to her, but was not allowed to
do so.

The couple probably will be tried
jointly. The case was set for trial on
October 26.

CONSERVATION CONVENTION.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 26.—The pro-
gramme of the national conservation
congress is again to be changed. This
time the change will be made in order
to include the discussion of fire pro-
tection at the meeting. The change is a
direct result of the disastrous forest
fires which have swept the forests of
Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington
and California the past few days.

Over the fire question the "state
rightists" and the federal conservation
men are expected to split. The federal
superintendent will contend that had it
not been for the aid furnished by the
United States troops the fires would
have done much greater damage.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

Vancouver, Aug. 25.—The verdict ren-
dered by a coroner's jury empanelled
to inquire into the death of the Hal-
lowman named Chene, killed in the
C. P. R. yards Saturday evening, was
that he died of a heart attack. The
same was in motion. The locomotive
was attached to a work train.

CHURCH UNION IN MANY PHASES

(Continued from Page 3.)

union proposed. Mr. Rowell concluded
an address which elicited unbounded
applause with a quotation from John
Wesley upon the breadth of Metho-
dism, "we think and let think."

Rev. Principal Shaw, Montreal Wes-
leyan College, said these words were
not addressed to the leaders and teach-
ers of the church by Wesley. The
question came up before conference
at last night's sitting on the fol-
lowing report from the committee on
church union, signed by Messrs. Bur-
wash, as chairman, and Rev. John
W. Cooley, Port Elgin, Ont., as sec-
retary, and read by Mr. Cooley:—

1. Your committee begs leave to report
as follows:
There have been referred to this com-
mittee the following documents:

(1) The report of the committee on union
appointed by the general conference of
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which were not the theories of the New
Testament, but it was very desirable
that there should be a unity of senti-
ment and organization. The unity
placed in their hands by God to do the
work He had given them. This unity
appealed to them all and in that spirit
report had been prepared. It was
not a constitution but a basis of unity,
the fundamental principles on which
all could agree.

Rev. Mr. Cooley seconded the motion.
J. A. M. Atkins, K. C., Winnipeg, be-
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PRAIRIE MARKETS FOR COAST FRUIT

Commissioner Metcalfe Reports on
the Conditions of Present
Time

The department of agriculture has
received another report on prairie mar-
kets from Commissioner J. C. Metcalfe,
which is in part as follows:—

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—In conversation