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The Daily Recorder.

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RITUALISM IN CANADA.

We were all considerably amused, and doubtless a good deal amazed, at the intense bigotry and absurd priestly pretensions set forth in the extracts from a recent Anglican Catechism, read by the Rev. Gervase Smith on Tuesday evening.

In a "Poem for the period," a "vested Priest of God" who stands before the altar "as one who turns, to greet a presence at a shrine," is contrasted with "the people's hirling," who stands at the Northern end.

And this audacious offender against the sanctity of consecrated ground is our own Rev. R. Whiting, of Pembroke. The facts of his offence are more fully stated in the sketch of his life on our outside page.

It may be worth inquiring however, whether the General Conference, without endorsing any schismatic movement in the Church of England, should not give a strong deliverance on the subject of the rampant ritualism which is in many places manifesting itself.

One of the forms which this movement has taken in Canada is the establishment of a Ritualistic paper, the Church Chimes, a monthly record of Catholic progress in Canada, the first number of which has just appeared.

cross is conspicuous in its head line. It affects archaic spelling, and gives as a first article a "Kalendar" for September. The first saint commemorated is "S. Giles, Abbott and Confessor, A.D. 720-725," a noble Athenian, who to escape the honours paid to his miraculous power, fled to France, where he lived in a cave, supported by the milk of a hind, and so on.

The Chimes, we are informed, is the organ of the religious guilds of S. Laurence, the Good Shepherd, and other associated guilds. These "guilds" are intended for rallying points for "a tiny handful of Catholics in a Protestant-ridden town," such we suppose as Toronto, and "to keep alive the sacred fire when all around seems sunk in hopeless gloom."

In an article on "the crisis in Canada," we are gravely assured that "the position of the celebrant at the altar, [i.e., whether standing before it or at one side] is just now the key to the attack and defence of Church principles." It is not the cardinal doctrines of repentance or faith, but the still more momentous question of "the position of the celebrant at the altar." What fetishism is this!

The Chimes asserts the dogma that the Eucharist is a sacrifice continually offered up, and says logically enough, "For any one to talk about a priest or an altar who did not believe in a sacrifice is absurd." Otherwise he is only a "preacher not a priest;" the altar is only a table, not a shrine.

The aid of the comic muse is also invoked, as in the following: "Sing a song of Synod, the low, the broad, dry, Combined against the 'Maritimes,' and how was that for high? But woe when Synod opens, the 'Maritimes' are seen, And isn't that an awful muss to set before the Dean?"

ELM STREET CHURCH.—The Rev. Wm. H. Cornforth, of England, will preach at 11 a.m.; and in the evening, the Rev. George Young, of Manitoba, is expected to officiate. Collections in aid of the Contingent Fund.—At 2.30 p.m. there will be a public Sabbath-school gathering in the Church. Addresses by the Rev. George McDougall, of the Saskatchewan Mission, Rev. Dr. Sargeant, of Baltimore, and James Patton, Esq., of Montreal.

LESLEVILLE MISSION (TO-MORROW).—At 10.30 the Rev. H. Wilkinson, and at 6.30 the Rev. G. Phillips will preach in the Leslieville Church.—At 11 the Rev. C. Ely and at 6.30 Mr. Cotsworth will preach in the Don Church.—Open-air meetings from 2.30 to 5. Revs. Messrs. Fish, Phillips, English, and Caswell are expected.—Mr. Ely will address the Germans in their native language.—Collection in the orchard in aid of the new church.

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

NINTH DAY—MORNING SESSION. Precisely at 9 o'clock the President announced the 367th hymn, after the singing of which the Secretary read the 4th chapter of 2 Corinthians, and the Rev. James Gray led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. The Rev. J. A. Williams, Secretary of the Committee on Discipline, presented a further report from the Committee, the first part of which relates to the death or disability of the President of an Annual Conference, in such case the ex-President shall take his place, and should there be no ex-President, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Special Committee, who shall elect a President by ballot.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was resumed, which defined the duties of the Stationing Committee, and the drafts of stations which they shall prepare for the Conference, and the mode of electing the Chairmen of Districts and Financial Secretaries.

1. That to aid in the support of our Universities, Theological Schools, the Wesleyan Institute in Manitoba, and the proposed French Missionary Institution, an Educational Society shall be formed, similar to our Missionary Society.

The Committee also recommend that the Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, and the Dundas and St. Andrew's Institutions, have their charters so amended that the clerical directors of these institutions shall be appointed by the General Conference to hold office for four years; any vacancies that may occur in the interim of General Conference shall be filled up by the General Conference Executive Committee; the directors may apply to any Annual Conference for the appointment of a member of such Conference as governor, and that such Conference shall have power to make the appointment.

French Canadian missionary work, and that the Rev. J. Borland shall be appointed agent for the purpose of endeavoring to secure an Establishment. It appears that the sum of \$15,000, in addition to all present available means, will be required to maintain our various Educational Institutions.

The report was adopted unanimously. Dr. JEFFERS, Dr. RICE and Dr. EVANS all spoke in terms of great commendation respecting it, characterizing it as one of great comprehensiveness. The French Institution especially seemed to be very cordially approved. The President in asking the Conference to vote respecting the report, expressed his own personal pleasure at the lucid manner in which the whole question of education and thus been set forth, and said he was sure that it would be well for the grandeur of the whole scheme.

That such deed to be so settled shall provide that the church property so held may be sold or transferred by and with the consent of the General Conference, within the bounds of which such property is situated, said consent to be certified under the signature of the President and Secretary of such Annual Conference, with the Conference seal thereto attached.

Dr. Wood informed the President that the Rev. Geo. McDougall, from the Saskatchewan, in the North-west, was present, and he would conduct him to the platform. Dr. W. did so, and the heroic Missionary was cheered again and again; and when the President gave him the welcome shake of the hand, the whole Conference rose and cheered yet again. The good brother, though very much bronzed with his long journey and great exposure to the burning sun, looks remarkably well, so that the pure and plain penman evidently agrees with the noble man, who is worthy of the honor that the Conference can confer upon him.

denominationalism could have beheld some of the scenes which he had witnessed; but alas, for the fields out there! the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. He must tell them he had come from a great country, a country much greater than many people imagine, even statesmen do not seem to be aware of the immense domain that God has given to Canada.

As it was near the hour of noon some wanted to adjourn; but as notice had been given that Dr. Douglas's motion for changing the name of the church would be discussed at this session, others called out, "question, question!" the chair therefore ruled that a motion must be submitted for protracting the session. A motion to that effect was therefore made, and carried by a large majority.

Mr. HURST read a further report of the Committee on the Children's Fund: That the children of superannuated and deceased ministers who were born while their fathers were in the actual work, or within one year after their superannuation.

That any person may become a member of the society by the payment of \$5 per annum. That the management of the society shall be in the hands of a Central Committee, consisting of one layman, appointed by the General Conference from each of the Annual Conferences of London, Toronto, Montreal, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, and one minister elected by each of the same Annual Conferences, together with the heads of the Universities and Theological Schools.