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THE UNION MOVEMENT.

The Methodist Union movement is mak ing healthful, if not rapid progress in almost every direction. It is true, little or nothing has yet been effected in the way of actual union between different Methodist communions, but very much has been accomplished calculated to smooth the path toward a consummation so devoutly and ardently to be desired. In the United States, the chief obstacles to a union between the separated branches of Methodism in that country have either altogether vanished or are rapidly disappearing, some of these obstacles are certainly clean gone. For instance, the great disruption of the Methodist Episcopal Church many years nexional courts may be glanced at. In the long as that question remained a living one who is to sit in the Stationing Committee, in the United States a reunion of the severed fragments was a simple impossibility. But the slavery question in the Great Republic is utterly and forever dead.

Then some minor Methodist bodies the United States maintain a separate state ted to vote in the election of the Lay Reof existence because they attach importance to the question and practice of lay representation is church courts. But that question request will be made in favor of the change. The attention of the Districts was called to is now practically settled North and South by the introduction of the lay element into he provision which is now being made in London and Southport for the education of the General Conferences of the two great Methodist Episcopal Communions of the the daughters of the preachers. Applica-United States. Apart from other consid- tions were received for the admission of daughters to these schools, and it was reerations, the existence of a bad state of solved that the deficiency in the annual income of the new schools shall be paid, as feeling between Northern and Southern Episcopal Methodist churches has presented in the case of the Kingswood and, Woodfor the time an insuperable difficulty in the house Grove school for boys, out of the

way of their union. This feeling has not Children's Fund. These are very desirable changes in educational affairs and will ceased to exist, but it is fast dying out. greatly assist those parents in whose fami-This fact was illustrated in a most convinclies the gentle sex is the most numerous of the recent General Conference session at elibiting much enquire and a prost will part from misapprehension with regard to Brook yn. Sometime before the secession ent eliciting much enquiry and a report will war broke out, the General Conference of be presented at he proposed changes. The the Southern church sent a deputation to principal questions relate to the admissio the General Conference of the Northern of the children of Laymen, under proper rechurch. This deputation was not recog- gulations and at remunerating charges ; and to a change in the course of study, embracnized because the Southern church admitting a higher classical and mathematical

ed slaveholders to its membership. And range and providing also pecial features since the war ended, the Northern church for those who are designed for commercial has made vigorous efforts to plant itself or business life. Some modifications are firmly on Southern ground, and probably [felt to be necessary and the Commission to which this matter is entrusted appears to be has meditated the possibility of effecting a diligently at work, collecting information complete disintegration of the Southern trom all available sources, and preparing communion. The absurdity and possibly to recommend some new plan to Confer-

the essential wickedness of such a purblind and vindictive policy as that would be, which should be aimed at the accomplishment of such a result is clearly perceived ment of the Rev. J. Bedford at the apnow by the leading men of the Northern proaching Conference. For upwards way is practicable—a way contemplating a dism, and for many years at the head of pole, draw down and tack it to the plate.

labour is widely expanded and apparently white for the sickle. What more is needed, unless the great benediction of Him who is Lord of the Harvest? J. R. N.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

tems of District intelligence-Retirement Rev. J. Bedford-Jubilee of the Rev. -Educational affairs-The work of God the Circuits showed an unfortunate and among the Jews-The death of the Kev.

DEAR MR. EDITOR .- The Annual Disrict Meetings have all been held, and the eturns as far as can be ascertained, for they are not official until reported to Conheaven. ference; show a decrease in the member-

ship of between two and three hundreds. In every other respec', improvement and increase appear, and the business of these important meetings was transacted with warmth of the devotion of our friends to much satisfaction and profit. A few chan ges in the regulations of these great Con lessened.

Three young brethren having passed the ago was caused by the slavery question. So election of a Representative for the District required examinations, have been cordially recommended to the Conference to be rethe Lay members of the meeting voting in ceived on trial. Two of them have labor- awarded. common with the ministers, and are thus ed with acceptance and success during a portion of the year as hired local preachers. in a position to bring their influence to bear upon that most inceresting and most vitally mportant department of Conferential acordination.

The session was characterized by the tion. It was claimed in our District that reatest harmony and brotherly love. The then called upon to address the Co terence. in fairness the preachers should be permitand sweet delight, the savour of which will, presentatives to the Preparatory Committees of Conference; but no memorial was we trust, be long operative for good in presented by any minister present and no Point de Bute. F. S.

Yours. CAMP MEETING.

row we expect to meet again for the same my friends from abroad have expressed a vant of knowledge of tents needed.

hay encourage persons desirous if so doing present itself to the gaze of those who believe hasten the day ! to provide tents for themselves, I have to in and admire the unity of Methodism. quest that you will publish the following rom a work called the " Camp Meetings years ago.

" To construct a tent for a family of six r eight persons proceed as follows : 1. Select the site, and grade a space 2. Plant three posts for each side of the at this business, and was, moreover, a complete think that for many years he had contemplated welve feet square to an exact level. 2. Frant three posts for each side of the at this business, and was, moreover, a complete the delightful event which he trusted was about ent, and nail a board on the bottom, and encyclopedia on all matters pertaining to the

Turning to personal matters : in the Mancloth, running longitudinally. 3. Then take for y yards of factory cotchester District Meeting much regret was expressed at the intelligence of the ret reit into eight equal strips of five yards each. Then run four strips together, and you have church. It is seen that a more excellent forty years he has faithfully served Metho-the first roof, which thrown over the ridge

ference holds its sessions, was well filled Canadian brethren that one to manage, and with an audience, which was more than or-then if they did well with that he would have After six or seven of the young brethren and would in all probability comprise Drs. Circuit Intelligence. SACKVILLE DISTRICT MEETING. - Mr Editor,—Allow me to report, through your columns, the session of the above District, just now concluded. The majority of the members of the Conference occup centre seats in the body of the Church. The work for God and immortal souls. He believoccasion of interest was the reception of ed that God had great things in reserve for this the Rev. E. H. Dewart, A.M., moved and brethren were in their places when the roll was called; but throughout their session those assembled sadly missed our devoted representatives from other Conferences. The President announced the 527th hymn. after the singing of which the Secretary of Theological Tutor, who was absent on the Conference read the second chapter of Connexional business. The reports from 2 Corinthians, and then the Rev. E. Evans,

D. D., led in prayer. The Rev. E. Wood, D. D., introdued the alarming decrease of membership,-the greater part of which was, however, octo the President, as representatives from neither Spain, nor Russia, nor France equal to Conference; after which the President ad-practicable." ioned by the removal of some to other

the Conference in Eastern British America. her in this respect? In all parts of the globe, dressed a few words of welcome and counplaces, where they will, we hope, be found useful and profitable; and of others who Both the representatives are old friends of the influence of England is telt, and the opin- sel to the young men in his own inimitably have gone to swell the ranks of the host of Dr. Wood, indeed as he said, he knew ion of England is revered. Now, in Canada. them when boys, and had watched their we have the same gospel, and many of the same

In finances there has been a general adcareer of usefulness in the church, with laws and institutions, and why should not we vance-specially in connection with the Home and Foreign Mission Societies. more than ordinary pleasure, and he now had the honor to introduce them to the This, at least, is an indication that the President of the Canada Conference, he was delighted more than he could well express the cause of God is not in any degree The President then introduced the houored representatives to the Conference, by shaking hands with them, the Conference stand-

Rev. A. GREEN, D. D., moved the following, while this fraternal greeting was being ng resolution : " That this Conterence has received with the highest satisfaction the admir-The Secretary of the Conference then read the address of the E. B. American able answer of the Conterence of Eastern portion of the year as hired local preachers. Four the address of the L. D. Andread able answer of the Conference of Eastern One brother has been recommended for Conterence, and takes this opportunity of exafter.

DR. PICKARD, the senior representative, was pressing the delight with which it has listened to the eloquent, Christian, and national sentipublic services were to all a season of grace He only made a few fraternal remarks. He ments which have been addressed to this Consaid that he was more than pleased to find him- ference by the distinguished representatives of self for the third time a representative to the the Conference of Eastern British America. given respecting the re-organization of the Canada Conference, which of course was the This Conference reciprocates to the fullest exelder sister Conference. His Conference tent the sentiments of affection which have often looked to them for stimulation to advance been expressed, and prays that God's blessing the cause of Christ. For obvious reasons he may rest on the whole Church of Eastern

applause.

would leave his brother delegate to occupy British America, and make it more abundant-DEAR MR. EDITOR .- I am happy to say most of the time that evening, as he, (Dr. P.) iy prosperous." He. Dr. Green, had been that the arrangements for holding a Camp hoped to have opportunity to address them at much pleased with what he had heard from his neeting in this circuit during the coming a subsequent time. Their work in Eastern brethren who had come among them as the non'h are nearly completed, A large num British America was very similar to their own. representatives of a sister Conference and adber of persons was on the grounds a few His Conference was very glad to reciprocate dressed them in such eloquent terms. It had days ago and laboured with great earnest- with them, until they should have more intimate been his pleasure to spend some time in Nova ness in the work of preparation. To-mor-relationship. As the Conferences are one in Scotia last summer, where he had mingled doctrine and one in discipline, with some triv- treely with his brethren and greatly enjoyed purpose. I very much regret that none of ial exceptions, he did not see why they should their society and profited by their pulpit

ing the gospel, and saving our fellowmen by

scores and hundreds? The reverend gentle-

men was often greeted by the theers of the

not be one in a still closer sense. He would labours. He thought the union contemplated expense likely to be incurred, or from a in influence from the shores of Newfoundland joiced to think that there was such a good to the beautiful Pacific, and hoped that the day prospect for Wesleyan Methodism in British as was not far distant when such a sight would America, soon to become one, and may God

Rev. E. Wood, D. D., seconded the reso-Rev. Duncan D. Currie, Secretary of the lution moved by Dr. Green he was reminded

Conference in Eastern British America, intro- of his early associations with both the repre-Manual" issued in the United States a few duced himself as being representative of the remembered the scenes of 24 years ago, when junior portion of the members of his Conference. While he was pleased to be here, he he was at a meeting in this very church, which was sorry that his friend Dr. Pickard had left was held respecting matters pertaining to the him so much to do. Dr. P. was an old stager Methodist missions in Canada. He loved to

five Conference of which they were the honoured to be accomplished, and could even wish with eet. The space between may be filled with representatives, so that he. Dr. P., could have his poe ical friend the Editor of the Christian interested them much better than he could pre- Guardian, that the Methodists of all America tend to do; however, he supposed there was should use one Hymn Book. This was the ton subsequently for family use, and divide nothing for him but to address himself to the case in British North America, as he had work assigned him. Of course, they came from a small country, and sometimes they imagined that they were overlooked by the other tween Newfoundland and Sarnia and they

The spacious edifice, in which the Con- a good state except one, and he would give his 'mony. The experience of a few would serve others, set forth that it had been decided

impressive style.

dinarily interested in the proceedings. The great confidence in giving them the rest. He had given simple but clear and satisfactory Punshon and Wood. ied the believed that union or no union, they would all accounts of their conversion and call to the Rev. E. H. Dewart then mixed and a

Ministry, the Rev. A. Green, D.D., and was seconded by Rev. A. Satherland "That in view of the present interesting

country; and when he looked at England and seconded that the young men whose names changes in the civil and social condition of Jasaw the marvellous progress which it had made Couference, should be now received into pan, and the probable impulse that the opening during the last 100 years he was filled with won- full connexion ; and also that they should of a purely foreign mission, would give the missionary liberality, this Conference desires to der. England's influence is felt everywhere. In be ordained on the following Sabbath. Australasia, there is another England coming The mover and the seconder of the resolu- express its hearty sympathy with the projects into existence. No other ination in Europe is tion made very able speeches in its support, of a mission to Japan, and its carnest desire The Rev. E. wood, D. D., introduced the and it is carnest desired to good old England. And why is and it was adopted by a rising vote of the that such a mission may be established as soon

A large committee was appointed on the omination of the President to make an rangement for the proper celebration of the

ed the request of the Board of Governors The order of the day was called, and the go forward and be faithful to our irust, preach-Rev. Mr. Burwash to continue as Professor debate on the establishment of a Thelogical Institution in Montreal was gesumed. The in that Institution another year. discussion was animated and as it proceed. The report from the Committee on Union was read, from which it appeared that the ed it was evident that the Conference was becoming united in its purpose to accept Conference, and resumed his seat amidst great action of the Quarterly Meetings had been in favour of Union upon the terms proposed, the generous offer of the triends in Mo

carrying out of the proposition. two-thirds majority. We are sorry to have to postpone the publication of the Rev. Mr. Wiseman's

speech to next week. On Monday, the 10th inst., after the lows, with a preamble : transaction of some routine business, the order of the day was taken up at 10 o'clock. This was the consideration of certain resolutions of which notice had been previously

Dr. Douglas again read his resolutions, already secured the sum of \$40,000, which which were seconded by Dr. Rice, as fol-sum is subsequently to be augmented; and lows:

Conference, the time has come when it is necessary and expedient to divide the Conference. the following sole conditions, viz: I. That it 2nd. Resolved-That a Committee be appointed on this question, who shall consider

the whole subject, and prepare a plan which shall be laid before the next Conference. 3rd. Resolved. That in the event of the

Eastern British American Conference deciding donors. in favor of federal union, they be invited to II. That the Professor or Professors, as also send a delegation for the purpose of drafting a the members of the Board of Management, conscheme for the future government of our church sisting at the beginning of five ministers and five in British America.

Mr. Dewart, which, in regard to the first and provisions for further instruction shall be resolution of Dr. Douglas, was declared out provided by the Managing Board at its discreof order.

resolution was put and carried by the requisite two-thirds majority. Yeas, 250; by the Board of Management. nays, 63.

In the afternoon the 2nd and 3rd resolutions were discussed and carried without division. A fourth resolution was introduced by Dr. Douglas, and seconded by Dr. Rice, as

follows: and unanimously adopted. Resolved. That in the event of the appointment by the Conference of a committee to con-

in Montreal, thanked the Conference for the fer with other Methodist bodies in Canada, or heartiness with which their proposal had the subject of Methodist Unions, the two combeen received and adopted. mittees shall be required to be in correspondence with each other.

It was moved by Rev. T. Constable. seconded by the Rev. W. Hansford-Resolved .- That the scheme of division which

The address from the British Conference was then read, all the members standing. At the conclusion of the address The Rev. M. Punshon, President of the

Conference, said the circumstances in which

On the fourth day the Conference grant-Jubilee Conference.

by considerably more than the required treal, and take all necessary steps for the

lution for postponement was withdrawn, and the vote was taken on the resolutions which had been introduced by the Rev. G.

R. Sanderson seconded by Dr. Rice, as fol "Whereas the Hon. James Ferrier, Wm

lendinneng, John Torrance, Esqs., and others of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Montreal, propose to endow a Theological School in the City of Montreah and for which purpose have

whereas they further propose to place the said 1st. Resolved-That in the judgment of this Theological Department under the exclusive control and direction of the Conference, with

established speedily;

Be it therefore resolved : I. That this Conference, with great cordiali-

ty, accepts the propositions of the generous

laymen, shall be appointed from time to time A motion in amendment was offered by by the Conference, and any additional facilities tion; provided always that the financial respon After considerable discussion the first sibility involved in the establishing and mainter

ance of the Theological School shall be assume III. Resolved,-That the Board of Management shall regularly present an annual report

of the condition and progress of the Theological department to the Conterence. The above resolutions were severally put

from the chair, and were enthusiastically Dr. Douglas, in the name of the friends

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desirable object attainable by the use of able reunion of the several churches. The now seeks retirement and rest. means are the cultivation of brotherly feeling and the interchange of brotherly offices. The late General Conference resolved to the completion of the fiftieth year of nal delegation should be sent to represent it before the next General Conference of the Southern church. The manner in which this decision was arrived at and ex- Dr. Hannah have been lately published, pressed, was peculiarly pleasing. The dis- prefaced by a short but most admirable ressed, was peculiarly pleasing. The discussion connected with the subject was con-Rev. W. B. Pope. Unfortunately the Lecducted with rare discretion. The utmost tures are not complete. They are printed care was taken to avoid wounding the sus- as far as they were prepared for the press ceptibilities of the Southern communion. by their lamented author, but an important The vote expressing the decision was all portion of the well known course will not but unanimous, and with much good taste now appear in print. This relates chiefly and right feeling was taken standing. We Christianity. Yet even with this deficiency believe this step will be productive of good, the work is of great value and will rank and will tend very decidedly to promote the high in the estimation of all Methodists, and interests of union.

The General Conference likewise appointed a committee to confer with commit-sided. The Scotch Education Bill is yet tees empowered by other Methodist bodies in the House of Commons, and sharp conto deliberate and negotiate on the subject of flicts are expected before it becomes law. union

In Canada, also, we are pleased to note, the course decided upon for Scotland will the union movement is making headway greatly influence future legislation upon this among Methodists. It is a most gratifying subject when Irish Education comes before fact that more than two thirds of the Quar- the House. A recent vote in the Commons fact that more than two thirds of the Quar-terly meetings of the Canadian Methodist lish Act is concerned, but the great religchurch have expressed their willingness. to ious bodies are much agitated, and protests, renounce the important veto power vested declarations, and petitions on both sides are in them over Conference Legislation to ena- freely circulcated. The School Boards in ble their denomination to form a union with the larger towns are actively at work, grapother Methodist bodies in Canada enjoying ducational deficiencies and rolling away lay representation in their chief courts. the reproach which unhappily rests upon The fact is of great significance, and can- nearly all the great centres of population. not but prove powerfully influential in sub- A very small proportion of the towns, and but few of the villages are yet provided with

serving union interests. School Boards. Much opposition to their In England the question of union among formation has to be encountered especially Methodists enrolled in distinct organizations where the National Schools under the care is growing in importance. It is taking of the Established Church, are in sole bold upon the Methodist mind and heart. possession. But the question is now before the people as it has never previously been Tis desirability is getting to be recognized. and great progress is being made. Restric-A belief in its practicability will come by tions and mouopolies will be compelled to

and bye. There is no need for hurry in give way and a good sound education will LL.D., President. the business. A good question only needs be available for all the children in Engpowers.

tion to the union subject that the golden lic in imposing dimensions, but it is evident quent address light of the sacred dawn is shooting zenithpaling in its growing splendour.

It seems that the British and Irish Conferences will have to lament a slight decrease in the membership connected with for an increase during the year of some thousands at least. English Wesleyan Methodism is extremely well organized.

are seemingly very powerful. Its field of

same way make the second roof or f.y. part, where it is usually said, wisdom resides, ces have been most invaluable. His health Christian means. The object is an honor- has failed of late to a serious extent and he This throw over the first roof, and let it as "wise men come from the East." He was

adopt that way. It agreed to let bygones active ministry. He is yet in labors most as to strain the clo h well, and raise it at loyal to Britain, no matter what anybody dared be bygones. It decided that a fratertinuing some time longer in charge of his other roof. But it is very desirable to have a num-Professional work at Headingley Theologi-

per of society tents. Every charge represencal College. The Theological Lectures of the late ted on the camp ground, should at least have one large tent, where the members can hold heir prayer meetings together under the supervision of their pastor. A convenient size and shape for a society tent is twenty get up a society tent among his people unsary number of families furnish each a to the Institutions and Duties of our holy piece of factory cloth. Let each lady divide her own cloth into ten yard strips, and mark each strip as her own. There must be cloth enough for twenty of these strips, is a valuable contribution to the religious allowing the cloth to be a yard wide, in orliterature of the day.

The educational controversy has not subder to construct a double roof. run ten breadths together for the first roof, The religious part of the question constitutes the chief difficulty, and it is felt that

eaves.'

From the above description it will appear that tents suitable for a Camp Meeting are made of very cheap material, and are very simple in their construction. Hoping dear Mr. Editor, to have the

pleasure of welcoming you and a large number of ministerial and other friends on I remain yours faithfully, J. PRINCE.

CANADA CONFERENCE. As reported by "D. D. C." in his brief

note published in last week's Wesleyan, the 49th Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church met in St. James Street church, Montreal, on the morning of

Wednesday, June 5th 1872. The Rev. W. Morley_Punshon, M.A. During the afternoon session of the first

day, a deputation from the church of Scotties for promoting the conversion of the ligan, from Edinburg, the Rev. Dr. Lang begin their union with 8 or 10 Conferences, livered before that body.

weary watchman, whose eyes ache with be deep and genuine. The results cannot as the Secretary of the Methodist Conferlong gazing toward the east to say in rela- be tabulated and presented before the pub- ence in Ireland delivered a brief but elo-The Rev. L. H. Wiseman, M.A., and had not seen any insurmountable difficulties to that the spirit of enquiry is aroused, and

light of the sacred dawn is shooting zenith-ward and that the stars are one by one and the true Messiah. There is much to the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, M.A., from England, were also introduced to the there will have to be some transfers. They usual eloquent manner, referred to the encourage the friends of the ancient people | Conference.

of God in their labor of love and the time to favor Israel appears to be nigh at mental Service was held in Dorchester down to the seashore, as to do so might be of following the Scriptural rule to lay hand.

The Rev. James Everett has just passed away in the eighty-eighth year of his age crease in the membership connected with their respective bodies this year. This is very sad, especially in the case of the Brit-ish Conference. It is true the decrease will isn Conference. It is true the decrease will tion with the great disruption in Weslevan British Conference, delivered a very ap-be very small, and much may be said in the Methodism which occurred about 20 years propriate and impressive address. Several way of accounting for it. But then it ago, and his prominence in the Reform of the senior ministers distributed the elewould have been only reasonable to hope for an increase during the year of some

particular reference to this portion of his eventful life, and the less that is now said or written uncer the reception of Delegates from other Con Its resources are very great. Its agencies or written upon it is all the better. "B." June 3, 1872.

The other s rips run together in the parts of the Dominion. They were from that would not find a half a dozen American Metho-

gratulations of the Brethren were lovingly the cloth at the eaves, and insert a small Methodistic circles, they do not always get presented to the Rev. John Farrar upon po'e at each corner, and at each seam. what they conceive to be their due. Of one quent friend, Dr. Punshon, would remain here ried. These cords are to be fastened to stakes so thing he could hoast, that in the East they were until the union was consummated. He, Dr. the eaves say about one foot above the to say to the contrary. A few days ago, the fine himself in such a narrow, limited portion the Conference. President of their Conference, the Rev. H. of the universe, as England is known to be.

Pope, had spoken at the General Conference in Brooklyn, where one of his statements had been to return home. Where will he find about to leave the Conference and the city, greatly misunderstood. This he had from the President himself. Some time ago they heard boundless extent? There is ample scope for about the Confederation of Canada; the people been pleased to endow their honored Presibeing won over to the opinions of those who dent. He did hope, however, that whatever ing to put forth any considerable effort, can advocated hat measure; still some of them had else-among them might fail, the union of the come in, and no doubt all would do so eventua settled fact. The resolution was adopted less there be indeed some extraordinary ally. Their slowness arose from their patriothindrance. To effect this, let the neces- ism. As Christians and Methodists they loved by a rising vote of the Conference.

their brithren in the Methodist Church in the On the afternoon of the 3rd day, the re-United States; but they loved their fathers and port of the Committee appointed to confer brethren in grand, good old England, still more, with a Committee of the and thought they should stand in closer relation signary Society of England on the question and thought they should stand in closer relation to them than any others. And now they were Contingent Fund, was received. The reasked to form a union with their brethren of the port was present by the Rev. J. Gray, and

On a given day, let the ladies meet, and Canada Conference. Of course they must un-was to the effect that the Canada derstand each other before they unite. Every ference accept of £7,000 sterling, which and the remaining ten for the second roof. true Methodist would rejoice to see one Metho- capital amount is to be paid immediately The construction of the tent will proceed dist Church extending from the extreme after the meeting of the British Conference substantially in the same manner as that of East to the extreme West of this vast and, when invested, will be equal, or nearly the family tent just described. The ridge Dominion. The Conference of which he so, to the annual grant already given .- The

pole, if the tent be made just twenty feet wide, must be eleven feet higher than the teen veers old. He was but a box entering the Rev. L. Wiseman teen years old. He was but a boy entering the work then, and had grown up with it, and had the Conference. He said he wished he been selected by his brethren to fill various could remain longer in fellowship with been selected by his brethren to fill various offices of a subordinate character, until he had attained his present position. He thought that ence and the English Conference. As to

even if they did not unite with Canada they external appearance, clderly men were less would have to divide even in the East, as there but in other respects they looked like the would probably be three Conferences required brethren at home. If these visits offered the Camp ground on the fifth of July next. for the Maritime Provinces alone, while in On- pleasure to you, they also afford pleasure

tario and Quebec he would suppose they would to us who are sent. His own views were want half a dozen at least. And even were enlarged, some misapprehensions were corso many Conferences formed, every one of | rected, and his interest was increased and them would be larger than the one in Eastern intensified. He tendered his sincere thanks British America was at the time of its forma- far the uniform cordiality of his reception.

British America was at the time of its forma-tion. At present, they had 163 ministers, ten students, and 12 young men received from Rev. Luke Wiseman, M. A., be requested England during the year, being 185 in all. He hoped that should there be as many Conferen-to act as the representative of the Canadian Conference to the ensuing British^o Conferces as he had supposed, that they would all ence.

grow in the same proportions as the one in In accepting the trust, Mr. Wiseman Eastern British America had done. There bore testimony to the able address of Mr. was nothing as he conceived, to be afraid of. Punshon before the British Conference last Look at what Methodism had become in the year. He said he never heard a better

be stretched forth to steady its ark, and Jews, have been held, and although they and the Rev. Gavin Lang addressed the very likely, in 50 years, they would have 75 In the evening, a public meeting was held that its patient burden-bearers should not do not rank among the largest and most at- Conference in words of affectiou and re- Conferences. This is to be a great country. for the reception of the thirty candidates be lashed into a pace bad for their breathing tractive of these sacred lestivals to which spect—the President of the Conference. It is is to be a great country, not the thirty candidates the past month was dedicated, yet they were made a suitable reply to these addresses. who dare predict that we shall not equally inthe past month was dedicated, yet they were made a suitable reply to these autresses. Who dare predict that we shall be each who gave out the 704th hymb, after and multiply? Of course, in forming a cocasions of deep interest to all lovers of Israel. The work accomplished appears to Israel. The work accomplished appears to the Autresses of the Methodist Confederation they will need great the third chapter of Titus, and Rev. Mr. crease and multiply? Of course, in forming a ence, who gave out the 704th hymn, after wisdom, and he was pleased to state, that when Botterell led in praver. in the Union Committee the other night they

The candidates took their seats upon the platform.

be overcome. One thing they must remember, The President, Rev. Mr. Punshon, in hi can make room in the East for some of their solemn and interesting occasion-solemn In the evening the Conference Sacra- Western brethren, who would do well to go to the candidates and to all. Street Church, when a large proportion of great benefit to their health. And while he re- suddenly on no man. But to hand down the members of the Conference, and a large membered, he might as well remind the breth- the heritage of a converted ministry; and number ot other friends partook of the ren of the Canada Conference that they were in and so far as human methods of testing wards. Now consider the principal and interest, taken, for there were carnal walkers in "the better terms," which our Province claims clumsy compliment which the devil pays to from the Confederation of Canada. He wanted godliness. So far as they could judge these

but he would not ask anything unfair. He ference was satisfied on that point, and that adjournment arrived." ferences. We copy the report of this ses-thought that, generally speaking, they were pros-sion from the Christian Guardian. the conference. All their funds were in had the opportunity of hearing their testi-

This throw over the first roof, and let it as "wise men come from the East." He was rest on the ridge; but the eaves are to be fastened in another way as follows: Hem manifested respecting them; why, even in

The report of the Committee on Metho-W., could not conceive how a man could con- dist Unions was read by the Secretary of to his future course. He had carefully ab-

in England upon the decision of his own The Rev. Dr. PICKARD, Representative Conference respecting him, he was so of the Easter, British Conference, being anxious that he might in all things act in accordance with providential direction. such a home as Carrada, a country of almost was invited by the President to address the But when his brethren had, with so the talents with which the Divine Father has great pleasure in having had the privilege much unabimity, invited him to reof attending the Conference and hearing its turn, he felt that without his in erferdiscussions. He hoped a deputation would ence his future course was determined. be appointed to visit his Conference. England and to Canada He had many Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Evans was apfriends both there and here. The friend President to the Eastern British American of his youth were there, many of the friends, if not of his age, of his manhood, were pointed a representative to accompany the bere. He could never forget these nor Conference.

On Tuesday, the 11th, as we learn from those. He must say that for the present at the Montreal Daily Gazette and News, the least, he was sitting for the last time in the Rev. T. Bowman Stephenson, of London, chair of the Conference, and he had now was again introduced, and addressed the to request them to elect a President from Conference, chiefly with reference to the the many able men among themselves. But work among the orphan and pauper chil- though he left them he would not forget them, and he hoped he might serve them dren of England. "After the address of Mr. Stephenson, them then as well as while he was among

it was moved by Dr. Ryerson, seconded by them. He hoped that the Conference at home knew more about Canadian affairs the Rev. Dr. Rice, that-WHEREAS, A statement has been made to than they had ever known before, and this Conterence by the Rev. Thomas Bowman more on account of some things which he had had the privilege of telling them. Stephenson, of London, England, respecting He had enjoyed the work here, but there the work of God, now carried on in the were certain drawbacks to his enjoy-Children's Home, an institution for the rement. He was necessarily shut out from ception and training of orphan and destitute the enjoyments of the pastoral ministry.

children; and, He had not the opportunity of watching the WHEREAS. It is the wish of the Committee effect of his labors and gathering up the reand Director of that institution to establish in sults of the efforts which he put forth; by Canada a home to which these children, when which he might have the joy of a reaper as duly trained, may be sent for distribution well as of the sower of seed. Besides, on principle, he did not believe in the same in-dividual occupying the Chair of the Conamongst Canadian families :

Resolved, That this Conference expresses its ference for a long term of years. If there cordial approval of the scheme, and commends were honors connected with it, they ought t to the sympathy and support of the Christian to be shared with others; if there were responsibilities, it was a delightful thing to public of the Dominion. roll them on other shoulders. He could These resolutions were most enthusiasti-

sally received, as they well deserved to be. however, never forget Canada-he was The designs of Mr. Stephenson and his co- linked to it both by the dead and the livworkers are of the most praiseworthy and ing.

hilanthropic character, and we are per- The Conference proceeded to the uaded the Christian Commonwealth of ination of the President for next year. Canada will afford all practicable help." The right of appointments belongs to the On Wednesday-" Deputations from the British Conference, but they have, it is be-

Congregational Union, and from the Meth- lieved, in every instance in the past, acted dist New Connexion Conference were re- upon the nomination of this Conference ceived, and exchauged expressions of good when a nomination has been made. The nomination is always made by ballot. The

At the close of these addresses, on motion ballotting in this instance resulted in the of E. H. Dewart, editor of the Christian nomination of the Rev. Samuel D. Rice Guardian, seconded by the venerable Dr. D. D., by a large majority. He briefly Green, a resolution was adopted expressive acknowledged the very high compliment of the pleasure of the Conference in receiv- which had been paid him by his vote. He ing the deputation, and he hoped that the said he would not be worthy the name of pending negotiations might lead to a satis a Methodist preacher if he did not feel grateful for this expression of the -confiactory union. dence which they reposed in him. When The Rev. Samuel Ross, Book Steward,

brought up the affairs of the Book Room. he entered the ministry he devoted himself He read the auditor's report, the report of simply to the pastoral work. He never had the Book Committee, and the balance sheet. any anticipation of office, and in all the On motion, these several documents were official positions which from time to time received as satisfactory. The whole con- he had been called to fill, he had been anti-They were cern appears to be in a healthy and highly cipated by the kindness of his brethren. The Conference proceeded to the nomina

prosperous condition. tion of the co-delegate. The first balloting The next business of the Conference was the election of an editor. The first ballot was not decisive. for though the Reve E resulted in the election of Mr. Dewart, by B. Harper, M. A., had by far the largest a majority so large as to be virtually number of votes, he had not a majority of passed through the whole number present which was neces The President called for the report of the sary to a nomination. The ballotting was Committee on the subject of a theological repeated with a similar result. At this point the Rev. Dr. Nelles, who had the Institution. The report was read by the next highest number of votes, moved that Secretary, Mr. Scott. It recommended the

the largest number of votes receive the mmediate establishment of such an instinomination, and the motion was adopted tution in the city of Montreal. The report by an almost unanimous vote of the Conwas under discussion when the time for ference. Mr. Harper briefly acknowledged the

Rev. A. Sutherland read the report of compliment, and the Conference adjourned. approach

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