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—The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada con-

Union on Saturday last. An amendment setting forth that "while this General Conference is not aware of any general desire among the members of the Methodist Church of Canada for representation in the Annual Conference, yet agrees in order to promote union to con-cede the principle, provided no change is made in regard to the examinations of ministerial character or the position of the stationing committee" was adopted.

—At the opening of the new Roman Catholic church in Proton on the 10th instant, the collection in aid of the building fund amounted to \$125.25.

Forty candidates were confirmed by the bishop of Hamilton. The church is a neat gothic structure, built of white

brick with free stone trimmings, is 56x36 feet, with vestibule 8x10 and surmounted by a belfry and small steeple on which stands what is said to be the highest cross in Ontario. The total cost of the building was \$2,200.

—The investigation into the loss of the *Asia* before Captain Scott, R. N., the Government Commissioner, commenced at Collingwood on Tuesday.

Important testimony was presented regarding the steamer and her equipment; also the force and direction of the hurricane in which she foundered. The Manager of the Great Northern Transit Co. was called, but could give little testimony concerning the vessel and had never bored her to see whether she was seaworthy or not, and as

had never seen her certificate did not know how many passengers she was certified to carry. Former members of the crew of the *Asia* were called and testified to her build and career and one of them thought that the upper works showed signs of weakness and that as a rule the upper works of the steamers plying on the upper lakes are defective in construction. Former master testified that the

former master returned safe and
vessel when deep in the water did n
answer her helm as she should ha
done. The opinion was also offered
another witness that she was too h
out of the water to be a good saili
boat.

THAT RESIGNATION.

To the Editor of the BANNER.

Dear Sir,—In your kind and apprecia

notice of my resignation last week, there are two or three points that seem to me for a word or two of correction. You had a meeting of the "managers of the Congregational Church was called." Now, in the first place, Congregational churches do not have managers; the members manage their own affairs. In the next place, no meeting was called. Advantage was taken of the weekly prayer-meeting to inform the members of my intention to resign, steps had been previously taken to secure as large

attendance as possible. And yet again the resignation was not accepted. It could not be, except at a regularly called meeting of the church. The usual monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next, and probably in next week BANNER you will be able correctly to announce the fact of acceptance.

You convey the idea unintentionally, I doubt, that I only received the proposal to become editor of the *Sun* on the day upon which I accepted it. This is a betrayal but haste, indeed. The matter

been before me for three weeks, and
been delayed until I could return home
consult my family. The letter contain-
ing the formal proposition was sent on my
arrangement, and was not replied to by
graph until I had made known the facts
to the deacons of the church here. The
thing I regret about the step is the appar-
ent suddenness of it. But, in reality, it
had been very mature deliberation on
part, though the nature of the case im-
posed a degree of abruptness in the
itself.

In addition to your many editorial favors I am sure you will cheerfully give me a few for these explanations. I will not say good-bye to the readers of the BANNER. I hope I may find time to send the letter now and then, from the far-off region to which I am going.

I am,
Yours truly,
WM. F. CLARK

Listowel, Sept 23, 1882.

"American Agriculturist"

The *American Agriculturist*, for October, is an unusually attractive and valuable number of this old, reliable and famous journal. We notice important changes in the new and handsome cover, fine paper and superior finish of the many engravings. It is a double number, containing a premium list filled with many desirable articles for those who make up the Orange Judd Co. publishers, New York.

*[It is the common observation that the standard of natural health is

the standard of natural health normal activity, among American women, is being lowered by the influence of false ideas and habits of life, engendered by fashionable idleness and luxurious living. It is a happy circumstance that Mrs. I. E. Pinkham has come to the aid of the suffering woman, to instruct and cure the sufferer in her sex.