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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1882.

FROM THE PAPERS.

Don't let us be afraid of enthusiasm. There is more lack of heart than of Adrocate brain. The world is not starving for meed of education half as much as for warm, earnest interest of soul for soul. We agree with the Indian who, when talked to about having too much zeal. said. " I think it is better for the pot to boil over than not to boil at all." -- Congregationalist.

We hold that all liquor saloons hour with devotional services, the should be closed, and fovever kept «losed. We believe that the sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as beverages is so much of an injury to the State and so much of a crime against mankind, that it ought to be everywhere forbidden and made a penitentiary offense. Sooner or later the world must come to this standard .---Wes. Chris. Advocate.

Chrysostom beautifully says, for our comfort : "I have a pledge from Christ -have his note of hand--which is my support, my refuge, and heaven : and though the world should rage, to this security I cling. How reads it ? 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world ' If Christ be with me, what shall I fear ? If he is mine. all the powers of earth to me are nothing more than a spider's web."-Nashville Christian Advocate.

One of the Catholic papers in London has disclosed some strange practices of a newly discovered " Confraternity of the Children of Mary," a society consisting of certain clergymen in the Established Church, who belong to the Anglo-Catholic party. The London Echo says the Establish ment is not worth preserving, and is likely to fall from within. It remarks that "these subterranean ecclesiastics are certainly odd fish." -Central Ch's. Advocate.

When Pilate asked the question "What is truth ?" there was, apparently, the best opportunity ever pre- and he had enjoyed exceptional adsented to our Saviour for a clear, concise, and absolute definition. But

world" and the Family be a sanctuary also that the same fundamental prinwhere only whatsoever things are ciples should pervade its entire econotrue. honest, just, pure, lovely, and my; and whereas the principle of of good report are spoken of -N. Y. supervision has been recognized from the beginning, and has been an essential factor in our circuit, district, and Conference organization ; therefore, in GENERAL CONFERENCE. the judgment of this Conference it is SEVENTH DAY-MORNING SESSION. expedient and desirable that the same principle should be so extended as that. HAMILTON, Sept. 13.

without trenching upon the rights of The General Conference proceedings Annual Conferences or their officers, it may embrace the whole connection. were opened this morning at the usual Resolved, that the President of the General Conference shall ex-officio, possess the powers and exercise the duties hereafter expressed and de-The auadrennial report of the wesscribed. 1. He shall hold office during the quadrennial period following tern section of the Book Committee his election. 2. He shall preside over was read by Rev. W. Briggs, the Book all sessions of the General Conference during his term of office, and shall be, The following is an analysis of the ex-officio, Chairman of all standing balance sheet for the past quadrencommittees during the same period. 3. He shall travel at large throughout \$ 65,495.90 the connexion as the General Conference may direct, and to this end shall 142.045.80 be relieved from circuit duties. Pro-Total assets.....\$207,531.70 vided, however, that in the oversight

of the work he shall not infringe the prerogatives of the Annual Conference Deducting the liabilities, \$93,924.08. officers or of church courts. He shall from the available assetts, \$142,045. attend as many of the annual confer-80, the book-room has an active capiences as possible to bring before them tal of \$48,121.72. Deducting the total any matters of connexional interest. liabilities from the total assets, there It shall be his duty to call the attenwill be an excess of assets over habilition of such conference to any case in ties of \$113,607.62, an increase, as which the discipline of the Church has compared with the 31st of March, 1878, of \$34,541.87. The gross profits not been duly observed, or the law of the Church contravened, and in case of the concern for the same period the matter cannot be adjusted it shall have been \$129,739.70, and the gross be his duty to refer it to the court of appeal, whose decision shall be final. Dr. Sanderson said as the report had 5. He shall have authority to rule in been read at length and had been in any question of law submitted to him, the hands of the Conference for some provided, however, that if the Annual days, the best course would be to move Conference or any member thereof for its reception and adoption, withdissent, from the ruling, they may apout sending it to the Publishing Inpeal the case to the General Conference terests Committee. They had all been special Committee, whose decision shall be final. 6. He shall have audelighted with the prosperity of the publishing house during the past four thority to arrange by consultation with years. He dare say it had been a forthe Presidents of Annual Conferences tunate time for the Book Steward. concerned, for the transfer of ministers from one Conference to another, vantages ; but he had given good eviprovided, however, that any brother dence of his ability to discharge the

in Wesley Church. There was an interesting meeting. The Revs. D. V. Lucas, G. Boyd, C. Fish, J. S. Coffin, W. R. Parker, Hon. Mr. Sifton, M. P. P., and Messrs. W. H. Lambly, W. Beatty, and ex Sheriff Freeman addressed the meeting.

EIGHT DAY-MORNING SESSION. HAMILTON, Sept. 14.

The proceedings of this session were commenced in the usual way, the President in the chair.

The Rev. F. W. Briggs, of Liverpool, addressed the Conference on the subject of a proposed memorial church in Birmingham to Rev. Francis Asbury. Monday evening was set apart to lecture on the subject. THANKS.

Rev. Dr. Potts moved a vote of thanks to Rev. John S. Evans for the donation of his work to conference. Carried.

MEMORIALS-THE CLASS MEETINGS. The report of the Committee on Memorials was read by the Rev. T. W. Jenkins, and the item taken seriatim with the following result :

Memorial from Sarnia district. ask ing that the form of address in the general rules and covenant service be so changed or re-cast as to make it suitable to our present condition as a Church. The Committee recommended that the memorial be referred to the Discipline Committee. Car

ried. From the Nova Scotia Conference to this General Conference on the desirability of an injunction being is sued prohibiting the formation or existence of any additional supernumerary or annuitant society without authorization of the General Conference. It is the opinion that while we cannot prevent the formation of benevolent societies, we would recommend the Conference to express its disapproval of the solicitation or reception of subscriptions, donations or bequests for such societies, inasmuch as it would be had aly to interfere with the contributions or our people to the

connexional fund, Rev. John Lathern

Biblical Introduction .- Angus to deserve that. Still, I may gather Bible Hand-book. Chapters 4 and 5. 2. Exegesis-The Gospel of John in Greek, the first ten chapters. 3. Church History. 4. Theology.—Pope's Vol. II. instead of Watson's Institutes.

In the 3rd Year's Course 1. Excresis .- The Epistle to the Romans in Greek, Chaps. 1 to 8 in stool the strain, I think it will stand

Classics. Rhetoric.-Bain's instead of 2. Whateley's. 3. Theology.

In the 4th Year's Course : 1. Theology .- Pope's, Vol. III. instead of Watson's Institutes.

Dr. Sutherland next introduced the resolution of which he had previously given notice, on the Duties and Powers of the President of the General Conference. Dr. Sutherland said :-- I think my self happy, Mr. President, that I should answer for myself this day

touching certain things whereof I am accused by the Gentiles as well as the Jews.

Rev. Mr. Huestis here rose to a point of order, and asked, taking into consideration the fact that the Conference had now sitting, a committee on the Government of the Church, under which head these resolutions of Dr. Sutherland seemed to belong, whether it was not proper to defer any discussion on them until the report of that committee had been presented.

The President-The rules of order settle that question. Any person presenting a motion has a right to explain its provisions.

Dr. Sutherland resumed : I am glad that there will be an opportunity here thing to do is, to give some explanate episcopacy on the one hand, and Pres-tions with reference to these resolutions by terianism on the other. From the

because only yesterday I was told

that a brother member of this Conferproposed in these resolutions the appointment of a bishop or a general vesterday, I think it necessary to emphasize this point so that the breth-

ren will hold me responsible only for what I do advocate. Let me state to-day for free discussion and conver here distinctly that I have not, so far sation with regard to these matters, as I am aware, in speech or publicafor I find that it is always very much tion advocated episcopacy per se, or better to sit down and talk for five even the American Methodist system minutes with a brother than to write of Episcopacy. I believe that system a whole ream of letters, because very is very good for them in a country often letters are misunderstood, while where ultra-democratic ideas prevail. there is a chance when men are face to I do not think it would be best for us face, for them to come to a full under- here in Canada. Nor do I think that standing. Now, sir, the principal our cutly choice lies between Anglican

two lessons from it. It demonstrates the necessity of raising the educational standard of the Conference. I have often heard it said that every man is insane upon some point, and I don't know but I might be. But, sir, I read over that production, and I am delighted to say, my reason having

anything. I wish to say that in all these discussions and publications, there is an element of responsibility which is perfectly right. I am perfectly willing to be held strictly responsible for the views I advocate, but am not willing to be held responsibly for somebody else's representations, which don't happen to be my views at all. I have read that it is a custom among certain savage nations sometimes, to deck out their captives in the skins of wild beasts, so that the

dogs will worry them. But such a coarse as that is unworthy of civilized men, and especially of Chris-tian men. I want the brethren to understand what I do propose, and not have them run away with false ideas, I emphasize this the more

ence was perfectly confident that I superintendency, and that I also proposed to take away the right of the Annual Conferences to elect their own presidents. Now, when such misaporehensions as these are arising from the mere reading of these resolutions

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mind of Pilate was not concerned about the truth, or else he would have renewed the question, or waited politely for a reply. He does neither, but, -Nashville Christian Advocate.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas, the " heretic" Methodist preacher of Chicago, considers himself supremely blest in worldly affairs, now that he has a home of his own, an independent business at writing and lecturing. " I have saved a little money," he said to a friend recently, " and have got a modest place over on the West you ; because it is the first home of Y. Tribune.

> When we see two men in society of utterly different moral character-one rights of his fellow-man, seeking the well-being of his neighbor ; the other impious, selfish, profligate, licentious -the theory which teaches that they will arrive at the same eternal state seems most absured and preposterous. They have scarcely any thing in common. The whole bents of their natures are in different directions. It is an insult to reason to predict for them a common destiny.-N. Y. Adv.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are numerous and a growing body. They have been of late revising their Confession of Faith. A contemporary Savs :

The new book aims at being both Calvinistic and Arminian. Oil and water won't mix. Seventeen sections, with bad English, are too many. Dr. McD. asks for a new revision, and at least two years for the work. He says "It took ten years to make the Westminister Confession, although there were very great men engaged therein. The greater the men the longer the tim : required : the smaller, the less." -Presbyterian Witness.

The passion for reading details of circle of our necessary observation, the scribe for the paper published by the less we hear of them, think of them, eastern section. talk of them, or read of them, the bet ter for us, and especially for our childhead-intes in the daily-paper which in-

our Lord made Pilate no reply. How duties of his office, and the very large significant was the rebuke ! The profits accruing would not have accrued if a gentleman less able to take advantage of the opportunities had been placed at the head of the concern. They had to rejuice in the proslike a trifler, flies from subject to sub- perity of the Sabbath School publicaject, indifferent to all. Pilate was a tions, but he wished the magazine trifler, and therefore Jesus was silent. | were better than it is. He thought that the hymn-book might be still further improved, though the hymn tune book was certainly the finest specimen

of work in that line that the Dominion had furnished.

A little discussion ensued on an amendment by Rev. J. H. Starr, movchurch to preach in, and a confort- ing that the report go to the Committee able salary, together with a good on Publishing Interests, and eventually this course was adopted by Dr. Sanderson withdrawing his motion. The report of the eastern section of the Book Committee was read by Rev. Side, where I am mighty happy, I tell S. F. Huestis. The report showed my own I ever had in my life."—N. ous condition. The committee were gratified to find that the sales at the book-room have increased during the

quadrennium, and especially so during the past year, amounting to \$19,479 reverent toward God, regardful of the " 68, a considerably larger sum than had been received in any previous year in the history of the institution. The receipts of the Wesleyan office for the last year have amounted to \$5,254.73. a somewhat larger sum than had been received in either of several recent years. These two departments of the business have yielded a net profit of \$922.72. The printing department, which had been the occasion of much anxiety and some loss, has been so

worked as to pay its way during the past year. The book steward and editor have conducted the business very efficiently; and great credit is due to them. A committee have gone to a great deal of expense in order to prepare a hymn-tune book, and have secured the services of a well known musical gentleman, a graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, of London, and the result of his labours, together with other sarants, might be expected to produce a work that was worthy of the Church. The committee, in conclusion, expressed its profound conviction of the importance of the book-room to the best interests of the Church in the

east. The Book Steward had to acknowledge the very pleasant relations vice and crime is morbid, akin to which had existed between the eastern sympathy with vice and evil in its and western sections of the book-room Murder, suicide, intrigue, He wished the committee to underare old as man. Emerson well said, stand that the eastern section was help-"What matters it to me, since men ing to spread the literature of the have always been murdering, what Church, the Guardian, Magazine, and was the name of the last." Unless Sunday-school periodicals. He conthese atrocious deeds come within the cluded by asking the ministers to sub-

NOTICES OF MOTION.

the care-fully-trained lad seeks the it is highly important to the efficient gentleman who did not wish to be working of the Methodist system that known. there should be not only a harmonious dicate the description of vice or crime adjustment of its various parts, but Let such things belong to the "under-

whom it is proposed to transfer shall be notified at least one month before the transfer is made, and shall, if he thinks himself aggrieved, have the right to appeal to the Special Committee of his own Conference, who shall determine finally whether the transfer shall take effect. 7. He shall have authority, when directed by the General Conference, to organize new Annual Conferences, and in the case of Conferences organized in mission fields shall preside during the first annual session of the same. 8. He may,

when requested by an Annual Conference, or President, conduct the ordination service. He may also ordain probationers on mission districts when requested to do so by the Annual Conferences with which such districts are connected, or by the Special Com-mittee thereof. 9. It is understood that the President of the General Conference shall devote especial attention to the matters of general connexional character, leaving local affairs to the oversight of the Annual Conference authorities.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved that tomorrow be the order of the day for discussing this motion. Carried. By Rev. Dr. Burns-That whereas the position of kneeling while partaking of the elements in the Eucharist is unnatural and unscriptural, the custom being historically connected with transubstantiation and the worship of the elements ; therefore be it resolved that our discipline be so changed that the communicants shall sit instead of kneel while receiving the elements.

COLLEGE REPORTS.

The reports of the various colleges in connection with the Methodist Church were then presented by their presiding officers. Reports from Mt. Allison College, Victoria University, Wesleyan Theological Institute of Montreal, Ontario Ladies' College of Whitby, and the Wesleyan Female College, of Hamilton. The reports showed that the educational institutions were in a flourishing condition, and were patronized by all classes of he community.

GENEROUS GIFTS.

Rev. W. Briggs announced that he had been authorized by the Rev. J. S. Evans to state that he would present to each member of the General Conference a copy of his book on Christian Rewards and Christian Predestination. He was further authorizbation and superannuated), in the Methodist Church in Canada a copy of the life of the Rev. Dr. Alexander Duff. It would be the same-letter press, type and binding-as the New York edition, costing \$450. This gen-

By Rev. Dr. Butherland-Whereas, erous gift was made by a large-hearted

EVENING MLELING.

The temperance meeting was held John," substitute :--

others might suffer. Adopted. On a memorial from the Coubourg

District as to the basis of returns of church membership the committee is of the opinion that according to the disbasis of those atte iding classes.

Rev. Dr. Harper contended that such a recommendation would not be were now returned as members who were not attending class. At the present time he was in a field of labor, where attendance on classes was very faithfully observed, but it was not always the case, as in some cases (he literary venture : believed in this city) it had become A school-boy freak, unworthy praise or blame, I printed; older boys have done the same. almost obsolete.

Rev. Dr. Williams said there were many memorials before the Committee on Discipline on the subject, and this Committee would shortly make some recommendation. He moved that the recommendation lie on the table until the Committee on Discip-

line report. COURSE OF STUDY.

Rev. Cranswick Jost read the embattled hosts where "Cannon to amended report on the course of study. The first clause, which only was taken up, is as follows : That in the May examinations of 1883, the subjects be the ordinary preliminary course of

study as at present provided in the discipline with the exception of Wes- an opinion on certain connexional ley's sermons, for which Burwash's matters. Well this made me think of edition shall be substituted, and there- a man in the backwoods who had a after, commencing with the examina. tions of 1884, the standard of admission be a certification in any accredited university, or what may be deemed equivalent by the examining board of the Conference concerned, and in prepared to pass a satisfactory examination on No. 2 catechism of the Methodist Church. Adopted, with the addition that the

son University in the east, and Victoria College in the west.

be made in the present Course of Studv. viz :--

1 Biblical Introduction .- Angus' Hand-New Testament History. Burwash's edition, instead of Fletch-

ception to the practice was this, that tions of which I have given notice. beginning there has been a little ec the superannuation fund was a c -purt- To do this it is necessary to refer to lecticism about the Methodist Church, nership of three Conferences, and it some things that are connected with and she has always felt herself justified was feared that if there was a supple- them. Because a man cannot very in adopting what she thought good for mentary fund in one Conferance the well explain his position or his inten- her work, no matter where it was tions in regard to certain resolutions found. Even Mr. Wesley, with all without sometimes trying to remove his High Church training, and High certain misapprehensions which em Church proclivities at the start, did barrass the whole question, and which, not hesitate to adopt a good thing if they are not removed will re- from the Moravians when he found a cipline the returns should be on the sult in a very partial and one-sided good thing there, and, perhaps, we judgment of the whole matter. I was would do well to imitate his example. surprized, sir, to see the breeze to I believe it is possible for us to have a which my first little publication in re- system which will combine the strength according to general practice, for many gard to this matter, gave rise. 1 knew and cohesion of Episcopacy with the freedom and ministerial equality of I was dealing with an important subject, but I think if I had been asked Presbyterianism. I do not believe we concerning my own little effusion, I are obliged to go to one side or the should have described it very much other in framing a constitution for the same as Byron described his first our Church. I call attention to this fact, that not a few of our brethren,

both lay and ministerial, while they have strong objections to anything looking in the direction of Anglican 'Tis pleasure sure, to see one's name in print ; episcopacy, are free in expressing their A book's a book, although there's nothing in 't. conviction that we need some changes When I went into print I supposed it if our course in future is to be safe was going to be a sort of pleasure exand prosperous, though they may not cursion, where I should have a friendly be prepared to say in what these talk with brethren about matters of changes shall consist. It may be that interest to us all. To my immense my resolutions will afford a hint to the astonishment, and I may say alarm, I brethren, if they do nothing more, as found myself suddenly in the midst of to what it would be wise for this Conference to adopt. The fact is signifiright of me, cannon to left of me, cant that there is a conviction that and cannon behind me, volleyed and some changes are needed, and we want thundered." The giants of the conto try by brotherly conference what nexion hurried to the rescue, each anthese changes should be. My resoluxious to have a stroke at the imputions propose dent fellow who presumed to express

NO RADICAL CHANGES

in the constitution of the Methodist Church. This must be emphasized. pet bear. One day the man lay down because some say this is a revolutionon a lounge in the room and fell asleep, ary proceeding, and that we are going leaving the door open, and the pet to turn things upside down. It may bear came in. As the man lay there a fly alighted on his nose. The bear be that some think so. In regard to a little publication of mine I did what sat there taking in the situation, and addition thereto the candidate shall be from his contemplative attitude one I seldom do, read it over a second might have judged that something was time, which is always a rather dreary bruin. Raising himself on his hind business to me at least, to see whether feet, to give full effect to his benevo- the complaints made against it had any lent intentions, with all the muscular good foundation ; for I thought to myequivalents mentioned in the report strength of his forearm, he brought self it is impossible that I am such a down his huge pass on that luckless horrible character as my critics make culation requirements of Mount Alli- fly. Any one who is at all acquainted ine out to be; but I was unable to with the habits of flies knows that find anything that could fairly be inwhen that blow fell the fly was not terpreted in that way. No, sir. What The committee recommends further there, and it is quite unnecessary to 1 propose in this resolution is to de that commencing with the May Exami- say, that while the fly escaped the fine some of the duties and powers of nations of 1884, the following changes man's nose was considerably spread the President of this General Conferover his face. Many strong hands ence. I ventured to make a stateseem to have considered it necessary | ment in my little tractate on this matto brush off this troublesome fly that ter, to this effect : That is our present every minister (young and old, pro- book. P. iv., chap. 1 to 3, inclusive. had alighted on the Methodist nose, system we had a President of the Gene- $_2$ Biblical Study.-Add Smith's but it happened that when the blow rul Conferences without authority. New Testament History. 3. Theology. -Wesley's Sermons, was-it came lown where they thought the sentence. I omitted a single the fly ought to be, but he was not woll, which would have made my there, and if sincholy's hose git menting clearer. I should have said er's Checks. 4. Excretesis.—Sermon on the Mount in Greek. In the 2nd Year's Course : Instead of "II. Exceptsis, Wesley's and Watson's Notes on Matthew and John," substitute :—

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