

count of himself in London. The man who proved himself equal to the work of a successful evangelist among the nondescript population of San Francisco, as it was twenty years ago, and subsequently among the Africans and the East Indians, appears to be just the man for the work in the great metropolis of the British Empire. If he is only as successful there, in the work of winning souls, as he has been elsewhere, we may expect to hear of some glorious achievements. He has received a cordial and hearty reception, and London journals speak in appreciative and flattering terms of his ministry. Future developments will be watched with interest, by many who have watched with interest his movements in the past.

#### THE PRIMITIVE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

THE open Conference of Primitive Methodists, held in this city recently, for the purpose of discussing the propriety of maintaining a separate denominational existence in this country, adds another evidence to the many, every day apparent, of the gathering strength of the union sentiment amongst Christians—particularly those bearing the same family name. Although no formal resolutions were presented, or votes taken, yet, judging from the tolerably full reports of the proceedings, union was in the ascendancy. Nothing could be more promising than the uniform good feeling that pervaded throughout the entire Convention, while there

was all that frankness and openness in the expression of opinion which should ever characterize brethren—the spirit was that of brotherhood and love. We thoroughly sympathize with those who betrayed an ardent love for home, and profound attachment to the Church which instrumentally led them to the Saviour; but, after all, personal feelings like these must be subordinated to the good of the whole. We are persuaded that no one taking a broad, generous view of the situation can fail to conclude that—whatever may be the case in the old country—here, and at this day, there is no good reason for a divided Methodism, but that, on the contrary, every consideration of weight, and every indication of Providence would point to the desirableness of a consolidation of all the Methodist forces throughout the Dominion. We see no ground for the fear that numerical and financial strength, consequent on such a union, would generate worldliness and supercilious pride. The fusion of the various elements would largely stimulate and promote our Church life generally. On the whole, the late Conference was one of the most hopeful signs of an approaching union that has yet been seen. We have been glad to observe, moreover, what was observable, also, in the Wesleyan and New Connexion Churches, a wise moderation on the part of the most earnest advocates of union, and a determination to guard against anything likely to produce unnecessary internal friction. We wish our esteemed brethren all possible prosperity.

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## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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### WESLEYAN METHODISTS.

THE Parent Society of the Methodist Church has always set a noble example in respect to missions. Mis-

sionary Meetings are held at every preaching place, and usually, the Anniversaries at the small towns and villages, are red-letter days in the history of those places. Once a,