

RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

The Bay of Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session in the town of Napanee, on learning that the Fenians were engaging our forces at Ridgway,

Resolved, That we have heard with surprise and indignation that marauding and villainous persons and characters have effected an entrance as belligerents upon our peaceful shores, as Fenians, from the United States. We are pained and perplexed that the neighboring republic should allow these proceedings, and so many of its people encourage and patronize these misguided invaders; and while we betake ourselves to fervent and united prayer to Almighty God, we desire to express our love to our country and Government, and our undeviating loyalty to the Queen. We pledge our services, ourselves and our sons to protect our homes and defend our country. The Bishops and Conference then joined in prayer, led by Bishop Smith, D.D., J. F. Wilson, A. Dawson, and concluded by Bishop Richardson, D.D.

The above resolution was forwarded to the Governor General by telegraph on Saturday, and on Tuesday the following reply was received by the Conference:—

OTTAWA, June 2nd, 1866.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Bay Quinte Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, relative to the invasion into Canada of the Fenians.

I am to request that you will convey to the Bishops and Conference his Excellency's thanks for this expression of their loyalty and patriotism.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DENIS GODLEY.

The Rev. James Gardiner, Napanee, C. W.

Dr. Richardson, by request of the Conference, delivered a short address to the Conference and others attending, at the hour of the funeral obsequies of the brave men killed in routing the Fenians—at the hour of the services in Toronto; concluded with fervent prayer for the bereaved and the country, led by the Bishops and S. G. Stone.

Resolved, That repeated visits to Circuits to preach or lecture, or otherwise entertain the public within their bounds, receiving collections and gifts, unless by mutual arrangements with the preachers upon such charges, is dangerous to the peace of the Church, and utterly discountenanced by this Conference.

Resolved, That we are highly pleased and profited by the visit of