

and to benefit our race. Some go for health and some for pleasure. We go to see our mother—her whose care over us when we were helpless, young and inexperienced, preserved us from many a danger, heighten- ed our enjoyments, answered our baby en- quires, delighted the while to watch the unfolding of the mind, and anxious to teach us the knowledge and the love of the beau- tiful, the true and the holy; whose care ex- tended to our school boy days, and whose letters, in still later times, when our bible lay all unheeded and dust covered and prayer neglected awoke in us longing for the peace that true religion gives,—and which when vice skillfully painted, and looking alluring and attractive, had almost caught us in its well spread net—lifted up a warn- ing voice to his son do not so." We are with our best friend on earth. We need not describe the meeting nor how we walked through the town, our hearts were too full to notice the looks of the place or people.

Provincial Wesleyan

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14, 1859.

In consequence of the official relation which this paper sustains to the Conference of Eastern British North America, a special notice of the proceedings of the same is published in this paper, and the same is published in the hands of the Superintendent Minister.

Communications designed for this paper must be accompanied by the name of the author, and we do not undertake to return rejected articles. We do not assume responsibility for the opinions of our correspondents.

The Allison Professorship.

The following letter is received just as we had completed our arrangements for the present form; but as its contents are interesting and encouraging, we do not feel disposed to delay its insertion. The selection of agents to solicit subscriptions towards the Allison Fund is marked by wisdom; and we are sanguine in the expectation that they will return to those from whom their commission emanated, bringing their sheaves of donations with them:

MR. EDITOR.—I have much pleasure in forwarding for publication the proposed list of subscribers to the Allison Professorship of Divinity, sent me by the Rev. C. Stewart, who is now busily and successfully engaged within the sphere of his agency. It is highly gratifying to see how cheerfully our beloved people are endorsing the action of the Conference, and we now can entertain but little doubt as to the success of the undertaking.

We cannot feel otherwise than deeply grateful to our honored President for undertaking, in addition to his other duties, the advocacy of the Professorship while in Newfoundland, and we can have but little doubt of his success there. Brother Stewart speaks in encouraging terms, both with respect to the spirit manifested by our people, and the hearty cooperation of the brethren. Truly God is directing his people in this movement. May He guide it to a successful issue, and render it a blessing to thousands! How many young brethren, yearning for higher mental qualifications for the great work to which they believe themselves called, are looking forward to this institution as an expected means for the realization of their wishes.

At the Financial Meeting of the Newville District, the Rev. Stephen Humphrey, A.B., was appointed agent for the District. He will probably enter upon his work next week. The Financial Secretary of the Annapolis District, after referring to the interest felt by the brethren, informs us that that District has appointed Andrew Henderson, Esq., as agent, who will, no doubt, prove himself an efficient collector among the people in his vicinity.

The subscription lists for St. John and Charlottetown will be sent for publication as soon as they are completed.

Yours, &c., JOHN ALLISON.

WINDSOR LIST.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes David Scott £30 0 0, Bennett Smith 25 0 0, John Smith 10 0 0, Levi Smith 10 0 0, J. P. Fellow 10 0 0, W. Smith 5 0 0, D. P. Allison 2 0 0, James O'Brien 2 0 0, Joseph Allison 2 10 0, Theo. Cowan 2 10 0.

MAITLAND LIST.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Richard Smith £5 0 0, Nathan Smith 2 0 0, Samuel O'Brien 2 0 0, Morris Smith 1 5 0, John S. Smith 1 0 0, Andrew Kadala 1 0 0, Asa Hamilton 1 0 0, David Fries 1 0 0, A. M. Cochran 1 0 0, William Gaetz 1 0 0, A. F. Faulkner 1 0 0, John Faulkner 1 0 0, William Hamilton 1 0 0, Jacob Yull 1 0 0, Smaller Sums, 1 6 3.

MINISTER'S DONATIONS.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J. Snowball £5 0 0, J. Buckley 5 0 0, Wm. Perkin 2 10 0, James Tweedy 2 10 0.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR TEN YEARS.

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Letter from Canada.

CANADA, September 2nd, 1859. Wesleyan Ministers of Canada are compelled by brotherly love to be immortal. Half-length Portraits of the Rev. Joseph Stinson, D.D., President of the Canada Wesleyan Conference, and of the Rev. Enoch Wood, General Superintendent of Missions—two or three years ago declined the acceptance of a Doctorate from a very respectable University—have just arrived in Toronto from Hamilton, where, at the Conference in June, Wesleyan Ministers presented them to their chief officers, as expressions of high respect and cordial affection; and not only as superior paintings and unimpaired likenesses, but as Commemorative mementoes, which, doubtless, be valued and preserved. Some time ago the artist of the Wesleyan Conference office in England was directed to visit Toronto and take Mr. Wood, and though the engraver has not given effect to all the life-like likenesses, in the Wesleyan Magazine, the finished original painting is one of striking and natural beauty.

Reverend Mr. Milne of Hamilton has just prepared and published two Photographs of the Canada Wesleyan Conference, one containing two hundred and twenty Ministers, which, while they are easily recognized, does not present them in the best order and most naturally; the other, containing a less number, is quite an improvement as to their respective positions and countenances, leaving nothing to be regretted except a slight blemish almost inseparable from sun-painting. Of course the designation of each of these pictures—'Wesleyan Conference,' means only to the men of the Conference present; and persons little acquainted with the Body may as well be told, that two hundred and twenty is not half the number of ministers and preachers on trial published in the Minutes in connexion with the Conference; and even they are not intended to state the entire agency, of chairmen, circuit ministers, missionaries, preachers under chairmen, and salaried teachers and interpreters, amounting to nearly five hundred.

I observe what others are saying of this Canadian specimen of art, and you may be certain, mark well the public impression of Ministerial intelligence, intellectuality, and dignity made on co-nationals; and they are right, and the Photographic merit much commendation. But my mind is towards the Father of Lights, and his sublime works—especially the Solar orb, which you once will allow me to copy a stanza in a Tribute to the Son, written impromptu on the receipt of several daguerotypes of relatives from England:

"All things He made did create, And long hath ruled with might and word, 'Tis just in an angel's hand."

Don't say I am not pleased because dissatisfied; for I cannot help my Wesleyan veneration; I wanted them all in a semicircular gallery, round the altar as it does in the Conference place of old England. And when I got that, it is very likely I should want another plate crowded with worthy Canadian local preachers, exhorters, and leaders. Assuredly a companion picture is now a desideratum: when will you inform us of a photograph of the Eastern British American Wesleyan Conference? Truly should I rejoice to see in Mr. Milne's plate, the names of the former Presidents and Representatives from the British Conference, and the remembered Bishops and Representatives of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of our Missions of Hudson's Bay, and British Columbia, and of the French department. Blame me not, then, if I say that this Hamilton gallery of admired portraits is to me incomplete, though winning and welcome.

I wish I had skill to transfer from a certain tablet to the 'Provincial Wesleyan' the whole as my heart has it. The paramount, visible, and essential characteristics of this brotherhood are piety, orthodoxy, method, energy, enterprise, and effectiveness as preachers and pastors, so well known, I need not fully specify them. Very probably, in the constant hurry of a hard-working itinerancy, one is abrupt, another reserved, another laconic; and I am almost glad if so, for I should be afraid of their going to heaven too soon, were they completely angelical!

There sits a distinguished Minister in his sunny garb and large beardness, a favorite of the late Mr. Bunting; enough to be said now of one of our Ministers. There sits a beloved Minister, of Dr. Cook's spirit, whose sagacity and suavity have largely and long given Canada Methodism a unity, an extension, and a power it never had before. There sits a sturdy Minister—some think too frank—conversant with Wesleyan laws and ledgers, a thorough going and most servicable officer. Not far off sits a man whose placidity covers a mind adapted to scientific studies and philology; another, of cosmopolitan thoughts, has a valuable penchant for terse composition and publicity. A third—a lover of industrial Methodism—has a taste for elegant and efficient transcription; and this Conference office is an indispensable triad. Near by, dignity, degree, and devotedness make you wish that this standard Wesleyan among standard octaves may be added to years to survey a Connexional position his cautious talents have contributed to promote. Hard by him is an ardent advocate of the ingenious and progressive, who understands good thoughts, good type, and good patronage. Foremost, are some of the revered Supernatural Ministers. Simplicity and contentment are in the face of one who, in the hey-day of vigour, could pay twenty pastoral visits to shanties in eight hours, and not get tired. Another is a splashed and dry saddle-bags at last, after many a plunge through swamps. The acute and scriptural preaching of another will never be forgotten—though in every place he would have been un- moved had the people said, "Thy speech bewrayeth thee." Another, with an honourable Dixonian white head, is blunt and fatherly. Another looks the love he used to recommend to others by pulpit and pen; and we supplicate for him and all his worn-out compass eternal strength and joy, as the venerable chief spiritual living creation of the Wesleyan, awaiting the celestial day of ample remuneration and of ex- altant ascriptions to the universal Saviour.

Glasses are not required for describing another—kind, able, forcible, impressive. Prominent is another who has shaken doubts and pretensions into fits, and whose reasoning and rhetoric have made communion in minds and communities, and left professional writers, as well as dabblers in ideas, in wonder at his insight and popularity, and in their own literary tubercle. Another acquires himself with great honour in a post where many wisdom and affection can achieve the superannua- tion, and makes his learned and unlearned influ- ence felt at every point of the Canadian coast. Taller than this gentleman is another, occasion- ally philosophical, whose arithmetic arranges the figures of some others, and the edge of whose unending Methodism cuts its way unceremoniously to the core of delinquency. There is another—a good man and true—with mildness powerful, and with a perennial strain—some- times a carter of epigrams and synonyms. There is another, who depends upon words, sense, and smiles—not Blair—for impression in his humorous and useful deliverances. Passing perforce by many of this somewhat miscellaneous class, whom my pen itches sincerely to com- memorate, this paragraph closes with a notice of one whom various perplexing offices have not deprived of a good, wary, and well-stored mind, and respectable pulpit qualifications; and of another, who carries an encyclopaedia in his brain, and but for a persistent preference for the con- sive, would attract by his cogitations.

Turning respectfully to another select class of Ministers, every where known and highly esteem- ed for their legitimate authority; the first is too old a man, and too old a successful Methodist labourer, for me to say anything different from this—he is a Wesleyan of the old school, always suspicious of innovation; panegyric abundant—The next is as keen as he is kind, and if you speak to him and play on his not brassy face, keep to your doctrine, you will find him a most abstinence, and your class-meetings— he is a pamphleteer. Then you have a genial, off-hand, rather obese brother, who, as I believe, is this is true praise) an Indian School Teacher (at first, and has by steady and con- sistent shrewdness and effort reached a respecta- ble trust—though not the Presidency. A judi- cial liberal in Church and State, looking pleased as you, comes next, whose logic and love for Canadian Methodism may believe in. A gen- tleman of Joseph Benson's piousness physical proportions succeeds, though enjoying an appen-

dage that Bishop Pearson of Methodism did not, and if honest Protestantism, authorship, and 'crown of glory' be valid credentials, he en- joys what he has earned. Imperial height of person cannot be claimed by another, but good sense,—if acquaintance with the minutiae and personalities of Methodism, activity, fidelity and brotherliness be gotten. You discern the next brother by his christian and conventional regularity, and modesty—never ignorant enough to mend our rags, and wise enough to keep them. The next—promoted last June—like unto him. May the back-wood's shouts of the newly converted cheer their defiance! The next, plain, practical, and well-thought of for many years, exulting in, and creating, great occasions. The next, always amiable, and therefore always acceptable: very different is a lamb from a lion. After this, my eye gladly catches another, who is a very lambkin in green and still pas- tures, and lion like in the forest, when error and sinfulness have to fly before a Methodist pioneer. After him comes a manly brother of lofty front, generous as the morning light, who has intellect and self-possession sufficient for a Waterloo contest. I am happy to state that one—a small man of parsonic habits—is an admirer of Dr. Harris; and never went to a rostrum or a Circuit but the people want him to stay—not, however, when he goes a begging! The next in my succession is a man of war and Wesleyan soul, who with tact and tears knows the way to the hearts and hearts of his audience. Then there is a pious, conscientious, working man, just elected, who is too studious a Method- ists to startle the world by speculation. Then starts up a spare man, level-eyed, earnest, and pious, and pious productions and plodding labours.— Then a solid and methodical man, whose John Bull honourableness, and uncomplimentary matter give him effect in any pulp, whether of mahogany or pine boards. Then, a minister of tender, 'Sammy Bardsley's' spirit, and indefatigable zeal, who is the friend of everybody, and not the enemy of any,—believing, with his brethren, that Methodism is a development of love for mankind.

It would be a pleasant thing to go to the reading juvenile ranks of this picture; for the David Stoenes, Alexander Byrnes, and embryo William Brown with of the Wesleyan Ministry of Canada are there; but somewhere in the wings of Richard Watson I have seen it stated that the wisdom of writers is to know where to stop. To stop my rather adventurous Wesleyan sketching pencil, is not, my British heart knows, to reap up the fountain of feeling and love for you, my affectionate Fathers and Brethren, who has been gushing now for a quarter of a century, amidst the toils and toings and triumps of the Wesleyan Itinerary in Canada. God bless you!

This Conference photograph has a past. The British engraving of 'Wesley's Death-Bed' has done about it facts and thoughts for the con- viction of Christian history, which find their com- part in the Acts of the Apostles. This photo- graph, I reiterate, has a past,—a past of early pioneering—a past of heroism and endurance— a past of obloquy, attack, and repugnance; a past of self-sacrifice, assurance and benevolence—a past of spiritual trials, which have become rivers, floods—a past of tens and fifties which have so related to hundreds and thousands. And this, amidst missions, districts, congregations, Sabbath Schools, Churches, parsonages, Colleges, Book-Rooms, periodicals, and Bible, Missionary, and other Soci- eties, are, entirely by Divine energy the result of the past of Methodism, in some way or other, are in every township and settlement of Western Canada, are spreading in Eastern Canada, and in the Hudson's Bay Territory, and British Columbia; and Japan is on our hearts. The power of standard now-days is pauper, and the system standard is commanding. Ye men of the moras as of the macadamized or iron way,—of log-huts as of lordly mansions,—of hard fare and straw beds as of sumptuous living, reveal in the blessings which your faith and hardi- hood have created, and diffused well-nigh throughout Canada!

The Conference Photograph has a future. All Churches are finding out that Methodism has done something for them, and now it appears that the Minutes of Conference have never—because impossible—taken statistical cognizance of all the good Methodism has been doing to settlers, churches, and governments. The Eastern Wes- leyan Conference is working its way westward, and the Canada Wesleyan Conference is work- ing eastward, and ere long they will, by the goodness of God, exclusively meet as old friends and vic- tors. If any community be catholic and mani- fested, disinterested and sublime in its charities, it is the Wesleyan Methodism. This is a photo- graph of Christian Ministers, and I shall not please a recreant Protestantism by proving they are christian—that they are ministers. Let their character and belief, their magnanimity and suc- cesses say what they are? They have done more for the world than the popes, patriarchs, Pasceles and Popes could accomplish; they have out- raged the lords of British loyalty; and even the Colony a name the nations wonder at; and Canada will yet be thankful. The name of the King of Zion is magnified; and anticipating the millennial outpourings of truth and grace by the Holy Spirit, the question is asked, What will be the result of the Wesleyan Conference of the Wesleyan Conference of a hundred years?

ANGLO-SAXON.

Bishop Field's Idea of Wesleyan Methodism. His lordship the Anglican bishop of New- foundland, delivered, on John Baptist's Day, 1858, a charge to his clergy. We find a notice of it in the St. John Church Witness, from which we are tempted to extract a paragraph or two. Our readers will not be slow to mark the contrast be- tween the staid and incorrigible bigotry of the bishop, and the more catholic spirit of the editor. Our contemporary says: "His lordship begins by noticing certain deaths among the clergy of the diocese— the last vision, speaking of those who had been removed from their ranks with great kindness and high commenda- tion. He next proceeds to give the statistics of the diocese, together with a late census of the colony, and then refers to the difficulties of the Church, being placed, as he conceals, between the Roman Catholics and the Wesleyans—unto both of whom he conceives the warn- ing of St. Paul to his brethren at Ephesus to be applicable: 'I know this, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock; also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.' Now, though we are not advocates for the Wesleyan system, as it has developed itself since the death of its venerable founder, still we are so far from being proselytism at- tributed to it, yet, like the continental re- formers, we conceive its rulers have con- sidered themselves placed in difficulties not easily overcome, and from one step to another in an untrodden path, they have come to Providence—what the Bishop calls 'the

name and functions of a church." This body, however, cannot be linked together with the apostate Church of Rome, as being with it, equally antagonistic to the Church of God. It is equally Protestant in its principles with the Episcopal Church, and its ministers preach the truth as it is in Jesus. Whether, therefore, they be a branch of the Church of Christ, or not; whether they be friends or enemies to us; whether in presence or truth, Christ is preached. And I therein do rejoice; yea, and will rejoice." If the propagation of the Gospel "be accomplished by the ministrations of our own church catholic, we will thank God for it, and strive for a larger field, a more devoted service, and an ample reward. But angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repenteth; and so must we; and they that turn many to righteousness, be they who they may, shall shine as the firmament for ever and ever. Christ is preached—that is enough for us. No noise of shame at our own lack of holiness, no substitution of the church's glory for Christ's, and the fond wish to enfold within our own communion all the true children of God, and the operations of the Spirit, will degrade the magnanimity of a Christian into party bigotry, or set our own petty conceits in opposition with what is immeasurably holier."

The Last Conference Week.

Each week of Conference has its own special topic of interest. The first is the election of the President; the second is remarkable for the public, religious and devotional services; and the third? Well, that is the week for Stations. How much correspon- dence has been going on since the first respon- dent appeared is sure every one has imag- ined. The present Conference, however, has had its own special interest, and that is the discussion between the representatives and the Ministers and lay members in the Chapel-yard, vestries, and elsewhere. We have seen many an anxious face during the last few days. Worthy deacons from neigh- bouring churches, and from the various places as far as Lincolnshire and the southern counties, are here to look after their own interests, and excel the Representatives up to the mark. Excellent Ministers, dreading a long removal, or a house too small for their numerous office branches, are nervous on the subject of "allowances," (shame that!) and the various matters which are connected with the source of anxiety is not yet removed) fit hither and thither, anxious to secure the friendly offices of influential brethren; new and sundry changes going on; and now and then; and all this utter uneasiness and excitement. But when the Secretary rises to read the Stations, and the minutes, and he proceeds without interruption to the close. It is not within our province to de- scribe the scene within the closed doors of the Conference while this is going on; but we can fancy the sigh of relief, and the gleam of glad surprise, or the shade of disappointment, among many of the members, when the suspension is over, and each man knows what the Stationing Commit- tee thinks best for himself. The question, however, is not settled. 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