

HAPPENINGS OF THE HOUR

Chronicle and Condensed for Busy Readers.

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CANADIAN.

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American Exotism. VIENNA, Sept. 19.—The Fremdenblatt has a scathing article on American exotism in trying to exclude European products, while preserving European markets. It is rumored that Chancellor von Caprivi and Count Kalnoky are discussing joint reprisals.

Portugal's Crisis. LISBON, Sept. 19.—The Ministerial crisis continues. The King is awaiting the arrival of Senator Fraco from Rome before coming to a final decision. Numerous petitions to reject the convention with England have been presented to the Cortes.

Five Hundred Drowned. LONDON, Sept. 19.—Admiral from Hingo, states that the Turkish man-of-war Ergotrol, has foundered at sea, and that 500 of her crew were drowned.

The Ergotrol was a wooden frigate cruiser of 2,844 tons. She mounted 41 guns of small calibre. Her captain was the Pacha, envoys of the Sultan to the Emperor of China, were passengers on the Ergotrol, and were drowned.

Can Be Sold Like Cattle. BERLIN, Sept. 19.—The Reichsanzeiger enters into a long explanation of the position of slaves on farms, plantations, etc. It says they may be sold with the property or else emancipated, and that the latter is the only way to get rid of them.

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THE METHODISTS.

Reports on the Supernatural and "Precedence" Questions.

The Itinerary Matter Settled—No Extension of the Pastoral Term.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The Methodist General Conference heard from its committees yesterday with emphasis. The report of the Supernatural Committee recommended:

That the treasurer's questionnaire report be adopted; that the attention of those conferences which have not raised an assessment be called to the requirement of the discipline in the matter; that a treasurer be appointed for each session, and that steps be taken to raise any deficit; that every unassessed minister removing from the country must obtain the consent of the Conference at the next meeting or else his year's allowance; that the Board consist of members and meet but once a year. Several changes of discipline were also recommended.

Dr. Matherland secured an amendment allowing supernatunated minister to leave the country on giving notice to the treasurer of the fund and the president of this Conference. He did not think they should be treated as delinquents, and that the most important points decided upon by the Committee on the Course of Study were the appointing of a Central Board of Examiners for the students of their colleges. They also recommended that the standard of examination of probationers into the church be raised to be at least equal to that of a university matriculation on all subjects. Both amendment and report were voted down. This means that the present system will be retained.

The report of the Memorial Committee in regard to the "precedence" matter recommended:

That this General Conference, representing the largest body of Protestants in the Dominion, should make a protest against the order of precedence, regarding it as an invasion of the principle of religious equality recognized in the constitution, and that this conference memorialize the Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governor, archbishops and bishops, members of the Cabinet, etc.

In re-memorial of the British Columbia Conference as to the eligibility of women to membership in church courts, the committee submitted:

That while the New Testament recognizes no distinction between men and women which makes any difference of right or privilege in the church on ground of sex, and while we recognize the noble service rendered by Christian women in the church of the living God and gladly welcome the aid of such women in all our work, we are of opinion that the question raised by the British Columbia Conference is one to be decided on grounds of Christian expediency rather than that of absolute right, and there is no general opinion or desire which points to the change asked for in the composition of our church courts.

It will be remembered that at the last General Conference a similar case was taken towards bringing the German Church of Canada into union with the Methodist Church. Mr. J. E. Howell secured the appointment of a committee who should be ready at any time to meet a similar committee from the German Church to frame a basis of union.

The Centennial Committee recommended a 100th anniversary service on the first Sunday of March, 1891. The Ecclesiastical Conference is to be held in New York, and 24 delegates from the Canadian Conference will be chosen by ballot by the Conference.

The Book and Publishing Interests Committee recommended that there be no change in the price charged for the Christian Home and School, but enlarged and made weekly for wider circulation. They also recommended the adoption and publication of new hymns and tune book for the general use of the church.

The report of the Transfer Committee recommended among other things that any minister whose transfer is contemplated without his consent be given one month's notice.

The report of the Itinerary Committee, recommending the extension of the pastoral term to four years, and its adoption was moved by Dr. W. Williams.

Rev. D. W. Johnson moved an amendment permitting a minister to remain on circuit a fourth year if his Annual Conference so agreed by a two-thirds vote by ballot.

Rev. J. S. Williamson moved a second amendment, making it possible for the Stationing Committee to send a man back for fourth year if his Quarterly Board ask it by a three-fourths majority of all the members, and his district meeting agree, and should the Quarterly Board repeat this request for a fifth year, it too, might be granted by the Stationing Committee.

Rev. A. E. Russ and Mr. Warring Kennedy made eloquent pleas for the retention of the three-year term, as shown to be the best by experience. To extend the term would tend to undermine the itinerant system.

Rev. Dr. Potts held that unless they could come to a substantial agreement it would be unwise to make any change. On the whole it would be advisable to have power to station their men for four or five years, but he would support the report with safeguards. It would give them more time for educational work, but its advantages would only be felt by efficient men. It would still more shorten the terms of inefficient ministers.

Rev. J. S. Williamson contended that his proposal was well safeguarded. Their ministers should stay longer and gain an influence in the diocese.

Rev. Dr. Antille argued from experience of the Primitive Methodist of England that the extended term would be beneficial.

Judge Dean wanted a fixed term without safeguards. Let there be no log-rolling. There were schemers in the ministry as well as elsewhere, and they would use these very means.

Mr. E. D. O'Flynn said that the itinerancy was the bulwark of Methodism in the past. There was too much looking for ease and pleasure.

Dr. A. Sutherland moved the closure, the clause carried, while the amendment was lost by large majorities and the report was lost by 131 to 104. The result was received with cheering.

Following is the text of the resolution introduced by Rev. A. C. Courtney, pastor of Dundas Street Church, London:

We recognize the liberal provision made in all our provinces for the cause of education. We regret the existence of differences of opinion in the various provinces, but cherish the

hope, both on patriotic and religious grounds, that our educational system, though under Provincial management, will become a uniform and national system, and remain thoroughly Christian throughout the Dominion. To further this object the General Conference requests that the annual conference in their educational announcements, should give prominence to the public system as well as the denominational interests, and impress on our people two things of vital importance—the use of the Holy Scriptures in the public and high schools, and second, the moral and religious character of the teachers.

(Special to Advertiser.)

MONTREAL, Q. Sept. 19.—There was a brisk discussion in the Discipline Committee this morning on laymen's exclusion from the conferences during the examination of ministerial characters. Dr. Daroy could not for the life of him see the objection to laymen participating, but Judge Deacon remarked they would be asked to preach and administer sacraments.

Rev. Mr. Andrews said nobody in the world but Methodist ministers would stand the present Papist, inquisitorial army. Everyone should be well conversant with the Bible. Methodists were too conservative to make required changes. Anyway, the examination amounted to nothing. A sub-committee was appointed on this subject.

The Education Committee very privately discussed bogus degrees, inquiring into their extent among Methodists. Prof. Shaw moved that ministers obtaining degrees from foreign institutions should submit them to the Annual Conference. This passed with a large majority.

LAST MOMENT DISPATCHES.

E. Fitz Bucke, a well-known citizen of Brandon, is dead.

President Carnot is expected to visit Queen Victoria at Windsor next spring.

The Queen has declined to allow the public admittance to the gardens of Buckingham Palace during the concerts of the Guards' Band.

Continuous rains for ten days have caused a great rise in the Penobscot River and lumbermen are fearful for the safety of immense quantities of logs.

Angus Wilkinson, a laborer, who was seen intoxicated at the railway depot at Allandale, Ont., Wednesday night, was run over by a yard engine and killed.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. Landgraf, of the steamer Nevada, shot and fatally wounded a sailor known as Charley on Thursday night, in a dispute about wages.

It is learned that there has been more trouble among the Grenadier Guards at Bermuda, and that several cases of insubordination have been severely dealt with.

A cyclone occurred Thursday afternoon four miles south of Manning, Ia., and two persons were killed and a number injured. Great damage was done to crops and property.

The Ottawa lumber mills will close down in two weeks. The mill men are as a unit in saying that the season is the worst for many years.

France has entered into a contract to supply the Russian Government with an enormous number of rifles. Five hundred thousand were taken.

A stage from Valley Springs to San Andreas, Cal., was stopped by two masked men Thursday. Eight passengers were robbed of \$60, and one express treasure box was taken.

It is stated that Chancellor Von Caprivi refused to allow the German South Africa Company to sell its territory to the English African Company. The German Company will therefore probably go into liquidation.

Arrangements have been completed for the sale of the Wanzler sewing machine factory at Hamilton, Ont., to the Brosius Manufacturing Company, of Atlanta, Ga., which manufactures the Brosius motor sewing machine. A company is being formed in Canada with a capital of \$300,000 to manufacture these machines.

Col. Duke Baillie, formerly of the American army, but more recently an author committed suicide Thursday night in his room at Chicago. He opened an artery in his leg and permitted himself to bleed to death. He and his 12-year-old son had been living in bare existence with the Colonel's pension and what he was able to earn from his writings.

The next show of the Ontario Poultry Association is to be held at Bowmanville during the week beginning July 5, 1891. The society held the poultry list for next year the same as last year, except that Indian game will be entered instead of Standard game. The Indian game is a new variety of fowl in this country, but has been introduced with great success by one or two breeders.

OPENED THE SAFE.

Another Remarkable Performance by Mind-Reader Johnston.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Paul Alexander Johnston, the mind-reader, whose recent feat of picking a name out of the register at the Grand Pacific Hotel after a long drive blindfolded through crowded streets attracted such wide attention, performed another feat yesterday, which tall appearance, totally disproves the theory that man possesses only five senses, and also the belief that mind reading is really a species of muscle reading. Johnston opened a difficult combination safe in the presence of many well known people at the Wellington Hotel and under the following remarkable circumstances:

He was first blindfolded and the bandages thoroughly examined by a committee. His ears were packed with cotton so it was impossible for him to hear, then his nostrils were similarly filled to destroy, for the time being, the sense of smell, and finally his hands were covered with thick kid gloves, to disprove the theory of muscle-reading. In his mouth he held a lighted cigar, so that even the sense of taste was temporarily destroyed. The proprietors and bookkeeper of the hotel then took a position behind him, and when Johnston turned the knob the safe they were requested to think of the combination. Without touching either of the gentlemen, the mind-reader turned correctly to the number and swung the door open. The crowd which witnessed the act cheered him repeatedly.

Johnston declares that his idea in opening the safe under such conditions was simply to prove that man actually possesses more than five senses and that science is in error. In conversation the mind-reader couples his performance in some respect to the importance of the scientific world with the discovery of the circulation of the blood or the law of gravitation.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

NEW GOODS.

New Perfumes, New Hair Brushes, New Tooth Brushes, New Sachet Powders,

We have also just received a choice line of Silk, Plush, Odor Cases, Dressing Cases, Manicures, etc.

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Six New Bridges Swept Out. TROY, N. Y., Sept. 19.—The dam at the outlet of the reservoir known as the Bone-steel Point, six miles northeast of the village of Postenkill, gave away yesterday. The water rushed down through the valley, tearing up trees and carrying away everything standing in its course. Six new bridges on the Postenkill and Columbia highway were swept away and destroyed, and all buildings on the line of the stream were washed away.

Barbara Presbury. At the meeting of the Santa Presbury, held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, Rev. Mr. Pritchard, moderator, conducted the opening exercises. Session records from Stratford, Ont. Springs, Alvin and