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"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."—Mark 13th ch. 32nd verse.

'Mid the realms of boundless space  
Where God holds his dwelling place  
Hangs concealed from other eye,  
The dial of eternity!  
Not with Time's great Lord the Sun,  
Did those wheels begin to run;  
When for ever he is dim  
They shall circle rest of him.  
Somewhere on that dial-plate  
GOD hath fixed an hour of fate,  
He alone the time can tell,  
When it strikes upon the bell;  
Not the Son Himself has power  
To declare the fated hour,  
And upon man's sleepy sight,  
It striketh like a thief at night.  
There are signs—but none will mark—  
Light—but darkness fits the dark,  
Characters which all might spell,  
Heralds its approach to tell.  
Hark! the trumpet! at its sound  
Swarms with life the teeming ground,  
Earth opens her sepulchral bed,  
And the sea gives up her dead,  
Ev'ry spirit flesh hath cumber'd  
Breaks the traucos in which it slumber'd,  
Suppliant, tyrant, master, slave,  
Burst their universal grave;  
Sire and son meet side by side,  
Matron, maiden, mother, bride,  
Those who drew but one short breath,  
They whose years defrauded death,  
Who shall count that countless clan,  
All the families of man?  
He is there—the first whom GOD  
Summon'd from the lifeless clod,  
Who—too soon by sin betray'd,  
Shame and sorrow on us laid;  
Now he springs again from clay,  
Shame and sorrow pass'd away,  
Planting his triumphant tread  
On the bruised serpent's head.  
He is there whose living ear  
Heard the gathering trumpet near,  
Who with quick and unclosed eye  
Watched the path of Deity!  
Hath seen the angels who unfurld  
The banners of another world,  
High above in glittering station  
Powers are ranged in dominion,  
From the fiery circled wheel  
Chorus'd hallooing a peal,  
Voices, thunders, lightnings, flame,  
Jubilee, with loud acclaim,  
Till the re-echoing depths of sky,  
Kindle with the symphony,  
Legion'd seraphs there unfold  
Wings of fiery flaming gold,  
Saints, array'd in raiment white,  
Elders crown'd with golden light,  
Princedom, virtues oh! the glory!  
Of that matchless consistory,  
And upon the judgment throne  
Who is he that sits alone?  
Man—but that his forehead bears  
Empire more than mortal shares,  
G-d—but that his temper'd eye  
Seems touch'd with our humanity,  
Millions, millions round him press  
Voiceless, powerless, motionless,  
Now he speak! but who shall say  
What the doom his lips convey?  
For that sentence reach our ear  
Father, Saviour, comforter!  
Wash us with thy blood of healing,  
Stamp us with thy spirit's sealing,  
Thou hast given us life—oh give  
More than life—the way to live.

The Conference then proceeded to ballot for president. At the first ballot it was evident that the Rev. R. Smith who took so heavy a vote last year was the coming man. At the second ballot he secured, over several strong competitors, just enough votes to place him in the position, Rev. J. Lathern standing next on the list.

The president in welcoming the president elect to the chair, congratulated him upon the honor to which he had attained, and congratulated himself also in being permitted, on laying aside the responsibilities of office, to lay them upon shoulders so broad, and expressed the hope that the incoming year might be a prosperous and happy one.

The President elect addressed the retiring President and the Conference, briefly congratulating the President on his successful administration of affairs during the past year, and thanking the Conference for the mark of honor which they had conferred upon him. He referred to his forty years of ministerial labor and the changes which he had seen during that time, and the advancement which had been made by Methodism in the Lower Provinces and the Dominion. He closed by wishing the Conference that he should make large demands upon their patience and forbearance.

But little time was spent in electing the Secretary and Journal Secretary. Revs. J. A. Rogers and O. Jost, A. M., who filled these offices respectively last year, being elected at the first vote by a large majority.

Revs. A. D. Morton, A. M., E. E. England and D. W. Johnson, A. M., were appointed Assistant Secretaries, J. B. Giles, Assistant Journal Secretary, J. B. Borden, Conference Reporter, and J. Cassidy and J. M. Pike, Conference Letter Writers.

After some routine work the Secretary brought to the notice of the Conference and read several communications which he had received:

The first was a report from the Committee of the Supernumerary and Ministers Widows Fund. The principal points in it were a statement of receipts and expenditure, showing the fund to be in a satisfactory state with a surplus to be carried to capital stock. A resolution moved by Bro. Coffin last year in reference to admitting second wives on more favorable conditions, was considered by the Committee as unadvisable. It was recommended by the Committee, however, that the allowance to Supernumeraries be increased twenty per cent. The report was laid on the table and resolved that the discussion of the points involved be made the order of the day for Monday afternoon next.

A memorial from the London Conference which was intended for the Conference of last year, and which referred to the action of the General Conference in permitting the return of ministers to circuits after three years absence, was read and laid on the table.

A communication from the Governors of Mt. Allison College in reference to advisability of instituting District scholarships for the furthering of the work of education was read and disposed of in the same manner. The hour of eleven having arrived the usual period was spent in devotional exercises, after which the session closed.

The afternoon session was held with closed doors, the order of the day being the examination of character.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Conference missionary meeting was held on Wednesday evening according to announcement, the President in the chair. After the devotional exercises led by Rev. J. McMurray, and a few introductory remarks by the President, the secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. W. H. Hertz, read a concise and interesting report of the year's operations. The amount of the contributions for the year just closing was given at \$8,900, a decrease of \$1,400 on last year. There was raised for the Relief and Extension Fund in addition about \$8,500, which to some extent perhaps accounts for the deficiency.

Rev. Mr. Taylor being called upon addressed the meeting upon Reminiscences of Missionary labour. His half hour's speech was a very interesting account of some of his early experiences as a preacher on various circuits in the N. S. and N. E. and P. E. I. Conferences.

Rev. Wm. Ryan addressed the meeting upon missions in Bermuda, this subject having been assigned him we presume on account of his having lately returned from labour in that field. He gave a very entertaining description of the islands and of our work there. He spoke in glorious terms of the liberality of our people, especially in reference to the missionary cause. The collection taken up in the St. George's church this year was the largest taken in the Conference of Nova Scotia. He referred also to the difficulties which met the minister of the Gospel arising from the drinking usage of the place and the traffic in liquor. Plymouth Brethrenism also had been a hindrance to the spread of vital godliness and proved a curse to many who had been brought under its influence. He spoke very strongly upon this point, and closed a very interesting speech by expressing his confidence in the glorious old gospel which as a Methodist he had been accustomed to preach.

Rev. Mr. Daniel's spoke upon the principles underlying missionary effort, and dwelt quite fully upon the several facts that the world needs Christ—Christ is seeking the world—and it is the duty of the church to bring knowledge of Christ within reach of the world that thus the world might be won to Christ. The speech was well delivered, well received, and well remembered.

Rev. Mr. Strothard having been called upon, said that as his sentiments had been fully ventilated and the hour late he would not insult the intelligence of the audience by further discussing the subject, but would reserve his speech for another occasion. His address was received with widespread marks of approval.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference opened as usual with devotional exercises.

After disposing of some routine business, ex-President Huestis called attention to a communication which he had received from Dr. Douglas regretting his inability to attend the session of the Nova Scotia Conference. Dr. Douglas also called attention to the proposed Ecumenical Council, and suggested a distribution of the twelve delegates assigned to the Methodist Church of Canada as follows: Three to London Conference; three to Toronto Conference; two to Quebec Conference; one to Newfoundland Conference, and three to the N. S., and N. B., & P. E. I. Conference. The matter was laid over for future consideration.

A communication from Rev. J. Read was read by the Secretary, applying for his proportion of travelling expenses disallowed last year. It was decided, however, that the action of the Committee was in accordance with a well understood law of the Conference, and the claim was disallowed.

The Nominating Committee made their report of Conference Committees and Standing Committees for the year, which, with slight modifications, were accepted.

The remainder of the session was occupied in reviewing the list of probationers with the following result: Recommended as having travelled three years and continued on trial.—I. M. Mellish, David Hickey, H. P. Doane, J. L. Dawson, A. B.

As having travelled two years.—W. A. Black, A. B., W. A. Outerbridge, W. H. Langille.

As having travelled one year.—J. E. Donkip, G. W. F. Glendenning, Lamert Stevens, John Wier, F. A. Buckley, A. B.

The case of candidates for ordination is to be taken up after their examination.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The Educational Meeting opened on Thursday evening at 8.30 p. m. Rev. J. McMurray in the chair.

After the devotional exercises, the chairman made a few remarks, referring to the success which has attended our educational efforts, and also to the fact that whilst our Institutions were denominational, they were not sectarian in an evil sense; not intended to proselyte from other denominations, but to educate, under Christian principles, our own youth, and those of other denominations who may wish to avail themselves of these advantages.

The Secretary, Rev. T. Rogers, A. M., read a short but excellent report, in which was expressed regret that this Fund did not receive the support which it deserves. The income for this year is somewhat below last year, unless a generous collection at this meeting shall make up the deficiency.

Rev. A. D. Morton, A. M., spoke of

the necessity of our Educational Institutions. He pleaded earnestly that our present College at Sackville, which had become too strait for us, and which was intended to be only temporary, should be replaced by a structure adapted to our wants. He referred to the magnificent offer of \$10,000 toward this object by Josiah Wood, Esq., one of the two who first received academic honors within its walls. He contended, also, for the necessity of separating the Theological from the Arts department, and strengthening the former by the addition of another professor. He paid a graceful tribute to Principal Paisley as the right man in the right place. "Principal Paisley will be a success," he said, "we will make him a success." These Institutions had been the nursery of the church, not only because in them our ministry was educated, and a higher culture diffused among our laity, but also because upon them had descended abundantly the converting grace of God.

The whole speech was very able and effective, one of the best to which we have ever listened on our anniversary occasions.

Rev. J. Lathern desired to economize the time, and would simply refer to a few points which he had jotted down, without attempting any formal speech. He spoke of the institutions which we possessed throughout the Dominion as a denomination; of our central and commanding position as a nation; of the influence of institutions of learning as affecting the intellectual and religious life of nations referring especially to Oxford, Princeton, and Middleton, and to the great work accomplished by such men as Charles F. Allison, the founder of our Sackville Institutions. He stated in illustration of this, that according to the report of some one who had examined the records of the Dominion Parliament, Commons and Senate, than of all other educational institutions of the Lower Provinces combined.

Rev. Principal Paisley felt somewhat delicate about attempting to speak, after the glowing recommendation of Bro. Morton. The audience would remember, however, that he and Mr. Morton were old friends before ecclesiastical arrangements had so widely separated their fields of labor. In his excellent address, he dwelt first upon the fact that the history of the world had been a history of intellectual development. He illustrated this by a reference to the characteristics of the different ages. He dwelt also upon the fact that whilst Dugald Stewart says that almost all the great discoveries in science and philosophy have been made by men favourable to natural religion, he would go further and say that they were made by men favorable to revealed religion. The work of a Newton, a Faraday, a Bacon, a Dawson, and others caused the work of such men as Voltaire and Bolingbroke, and Paine, to dwindle into insignificance. He gave an interesting account of the revival which had extended so generally through the institution during the last year, and closed with an earnest appeal for sympathy and support.

All the speeches were of a high order, the music excellent, the attendance good, and the whole meeting a decided and unusual success.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises and some routine work, Principal Paisley addressed the Conference in a few words thanking the Conference for their interest manifested in our Educational Institution. He referred to the fact that this Conference had not appointed a board of visitors to the institution and trusted that this oversight might be remedied.

A resolution of thanks was passed to Principal Paisley for the excellent address delivered last evening, and he as well as the other speakers was requested to furnish the manuscript of his speech for publication in the WESLEYAN.

Rev. S. F. Huestis asked and received permission to return to Halifax to attend the funeral of a member of his church.

The Camp Meeting Committee was appointed as follows:—President of Conference, J. Cassidy, A. W. Nicolson, Joseph Gutz, Theo. Rogers, F. H. W. Pickles, J. M. Pike, J. Strothard, and Wm Ryan. Subsequently in addition to these a number of ministers were named who are expected to attend the camp meeting and assist in the services. The additional ones are—J. McMurray,

R. Wasson, W. H. Hertz, Jas Taylor, I. M. Mellish, P. Prestwood, B. Hills, S. F. Huestis, J. Gee, A. Hockin, W. Ainley, F. A. Buckley, G. O. Huestis, W. G. Lane, J. M. Fisher, Lamert Stevens, C. Lockhart, R. Brecken, J. Lathern, R. A. Temple, P. H. Robinson, J. S. Addy, J. G. Hennigar.

Revs J. McMurray and J. Cassidy were associated with the President to take charge of the camp meeting and all arrangements for its services.

The date of the camp meeting was also changed from the 1st to the 6th of July.

The committee appointed to consider the case of the Rev James Burns of the California Conference who makes application for admission into our Conference made their report. It was to the effect that from the crowded state of our work, the age of Mr. Burns and other considerations it was not advisable to entertain the application. The report was adopted.

The committee on the case of the brother who had been writing in the Presbyterian Witness over the signature of "A Methodist Minister," also reported. It was to the effect that whilst the Conference disapproved of the brother's course, it accepted his apology, and trusted that the experiences of the past would not be without their salutary influence in the future. The report was adopted.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After the devotional exercises the work of the Conference was proceeded with.

In answer to the question, Who have died during the year? it was found that our ministerial ranks had remained unbroken. The doxology was sung and an act of thanksgiving.

The supernumerary ranks had under returns to the active work and appointed to a circuit. Rev. J. Taylor retired amid the regrets of the Conference, having travelled thirty-four years. The letter writers were directed to present his case strongly to the Home Missionary Committee. R. O. B. Johnson and J. B. Hemmeon also retire for the year on account of feeble health.

A Report was presented by the Quarterly Board of the Liverpool Circuit, setting forth the very great difficulties under which the church labored on account of the great financial depression, the heavy debt on the building and the great exodus of inhabitants from the town; and asking that, in order to relieve them in part, only a young man be sent to the circuit for this year. J. Newton Freeman, Esq., being in the Conference, was heard in support of the memorial. After some conversation it was referred to the Stationing Committee for consideration.

A good deal of time was spent in discussing the case of young men. Two candidates had presented themselves for reception into the work who were considered eligible in many respects, but who fell below the standard in literary qualification. The cases were considered very fully but the Conference finally reaffirmed its position, that it was better for young men to prepare themselves in this respect before offering for the work, than to attempt too much afterwards, and run the risk of being dropped or located through failure.

The Conference Temperance Meeting was held on Friday evening, the President in the chair.

Your reporter did not take any notes of the speeches, but the meeting was a very enjoyable and so far as the interest manifested seemed to indicate, a successful one. The speakers were Revs. J. McMurray, W. H. Evans, R. Wasson, and G. O. Huestis. The speeches were all good and well received, the old being young again in their fire and energy, and the young old in their wise and well-considered utterances. The music was, as usual, excellent, and the congregation, as has been the case with all the congregations during our session, was large and appreciative.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Session opened as usual.

After reading minutes Rev. C. Jost presented the report of the Examining Committee. The arrangements, with slight alterations, were the same as last year, and the report was accepted without debate.

Rev. W. H. Hertz, Secretary of the Missionary Board, presented the Missionary Report for the year.

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