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Delegations from other churches will convey fraternal salutations to this General Conference. The Parent British Methodist Conference will have its greetings presented by men whose praise is in all the churches of universal Methodism...

Much interest will be excited in Conference proceedings among people of all classes in the United States. It will be felt that the doings of such an important body, representing so large a portion of the Christian people of the Republic...

We cannot but hope and pray that the deliberations of the General Conference may be in a truly eminent degree characterized by the wisdom that cometh from above...

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the senior leaders would cause them to look upon tendencies to Union with jealous eyes. It would not be easy for such to give up their leadership, and take a lesser position in a larger but united Wesleyan Church. But the chief question is not what the old men think; they will soon be gone. To what are the young people aspiring? That is the chief question; for much that they aspire to will ultimately come to pass. Among many of the junior ministers and laymen in the British Methodist families the desire for amalgamation is increasing; why should we continue apart when we are one in doctrine and means of grace more than any other Church in the world? Moreover those who look far into the future foresee the disestablishment of the Scotch and English Churches, and a severe struggle between Popery and Protestantism, and they believe that if all the Methodist families were one they would be the greatest Protestant power in Britain, both in Parliament and out of it...

So far as the steps which in the course of a generation or two may lead to this Union are concerned, various speculations are entertained. It is said that the admission of the laymen into the English Methodist Conference is essential so far as that body is concerned, and this step will in all probability be taken in the course of the next few years. The laymen will not be admitted into the Conference in order to have them vote for the admission of laymen who would be opposed to Union. Still, it will be overruled in the direction of Union, for the admission of the laymen will be the removal of one great barrier to Union. There are signs of the coming amalgamation in the other branches of the Methodist family. With a view to this emergency, the Irish Primitive Methodists (Cloyne) obtained an act of Parliament empowering them either to join the disestablished Church, or the Irish Wesleyan Conference, or to form themselves into an independent Wesleyan Church. They have not yet joined the disestablished Church, and they have not yet formed themselves into an independent Wesleyan Church. Their path to union with the Irish Wesleyan Conference is still open. Moreover the Irish Wesleyan Conference appointed a committee to consider the question of admitting laymen, and that committee has agreed unanimously to recommend the Irish Conference to admit them...

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Special services held last week in Mahone Bay resulted in the reviving of the church. Yesterday a person came from "Black Rock," desiring me to hold some services there. Next week I hope my strength will be so far improved as to allow me to go to them. Bro. Baxendale has been laboring with me very hard and very acceptably. Our earnest prayer to God is that those whom He has given us as seals to our ministry may be among the number of the saved in the great reckoning day.

Richmond, Rev. C. J. A. M., writes April 10th, 1872. Very little spiritual gain is visible from my labors here. Yet I am working just as hard as my strength will allow, and indeed a little harder. I am just tired out by my work at Buctouche on Sabbath and the journey "to and fro." We have expended about one thousand three hundred dollars on our church buildings during the year. A few weeks ago we raised by a lecture and refreshment table sixty-five dollars to re-erect and refit our church in town.

River John, Church Dedication. True, we were nearly so long building our church as Solomon was building the Temple, but the Temple-builder had the advantage of his father's labourers, who most earnestly and methodically prepared for the great work. On the 24th ult., (that very stormy day) the dedication took place. Ministers who had previously arranged to be with us were hindered by sickness, but the Master honoured us with His presence. The building will comfortably seat upwards of four hundred persons, and in other respects is most creditable to those who have taken such an interest in its erection. When financial matters were adjusted it was found that a debt of \$1,000 had been incurred. After consideration of their position the trustees resolved to sell the preference of pews but to rent, rent payable quarterly in advance. Already seats have been rented amounting to upwards of \$200 per annum and probably there will be considerably more raised by that means. Looking at all matters connected with this place of worship as it now stands, it appears to us that this branch of the Church with which we are connected has gained a position in the community, which it never before had. We thank the Lord and take courage.

Grand Bank, N. F.—We have just held our Missionary meetings on this Circuit. Both here and at Fortune they were very successful. Our meeting at Grand Bank was presided over by Capt. Coope, Esq., J. P.; and that at Fortune by Elias Mager, Esq. The speakers were Messrs. John Lake, John Scott, H. J. Had- den, Ben. Lovel, James Lake, J. W. Pelley, Philip Lake, and myself. Mr. James N. Had- den favored us with select pieces on the Har- monium. All the speakers seemed to have the good cause at heart, and were listened to with the greatest attention. The interest was fully sustained in both places for two hours and a half, and the people say they were the best meetings they ever attended. Within the bounds of the Conference none love the cause of Missions more than the people on this Circuit. This is seen by their liberal contributions from year to year. I am happy to say that I think the collection will be equal to if not above last year, and this when in both Grand Bank and Fortune our dear people are building new churches. Last year \$350.50 was raised for missions on this Circuit.

Woodstock. Extract from the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held in the City of the Woodstock Wesleyan Church, on Monday, the 11th day of March, 1872.—"Whereas, the Rev. John S. Adly, the Pastor of this church, has announced his intention of leaving this Circuit at the next Conference, therefore it is resolved, that this meeting devote to record their cordial approbation of the labours of the Rev. Mr. Adly for the two years of his ministrations in this pastorate, during which time they have been greatly edified and comforted by his preaching; while the ability, liberality, and broad spirit of Christian charity evinced by him has not only secured the respect and esteem of his own congregation, but also of the community generally. We sincerely trust that he may be long spared to continue to others that ministerial, Christian and gentlemanly conduct which we have so beneficially experienced."

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