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BRITISH CONFERENCE.

The Watchman of the 31st ult., brings intelligence of the opening on the morning of that day in the City Road Chapel, London, of the British Conference of 1850, being the One Hundred and Seventh Annual Assembly of that venerable Body. The following particulars will prove interesting to our readers. The number of Ministers present is supposed to have been upwards of 600 The proceedings were commenced in the usual manner. The Rev. Thomas Jackson, President of the Conference, gave out the 712th hymn; after which the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Hannah, read the 17th chapter of St. John. This was followed by prayer, in which the Rev. George Marsden, and the Rev. Dr. Newton fervently engaged.

The first business is always to ascertain what vacancies the yearly interval has caused in the legal senate of Methodian,-the " One Hundred" Ministers perpetuated by the "Deed Poll" of Mr. Wesley. There were seven such vacancies. which were filled up as follows :- JAS. GOLDING, by seniority, in the place of Edward Batty, deceased. CHARLES PREST, by nomination, in the place of John Davis, superannuated .--BENJAMIN HUDSON, by seniority, in the place of William France, superannuated. HUGH BEECH, by seniority, in the place of George H. Rowe, deceased. SAMUEL D. WADDY, by nomination, in the place of Wm. Tranter, superannuated. JOHN HOBSON, by seniority, in the place of Maximilian Wilson, superannuated.

The "Hundred" being now completed, Conference proceeded to' the election of its chief officers - the President and Secretary. The Rev. Dr. BEECHAM was elected President by 216 votes, which election was confirmed by the unanimous vote of the Legal Handred. Votes for other persons proposed, were as follows :---The Rev. Joseph Fowler 143: Dr. Hannah 14: John Lomas 11. The election of Dr. Beecham to the Presidency, in the language of the H'atchman, is especially well timed, not only as a tribute to individual worth, but as a vote of confidence in the office-bearers of Methodism, among whom he has occupied an emiment and most important station ; and especially in the managers of that greatest of Wesleyan Institutions, the Missionary Society, the extension of which his labours, experience, and prudence have largely furthered.

Dr. HANNAH was elected Secretary by 195 votes. For this office Dr. Newton received 67 votes, and Rev. J. Fowler 60.

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nexional matters, we have withdrawn some editorial articles we had designed for this number to make room for the Conference intelligence our inside columns. We abstain from further apology, as we are persuaded our readers will agree with us in opinion that none is required.

We cannot, however, conclude without re-affirmour Fathers will bring our beloved and evangelically-useful Connexion in safety through all perils of recept and present agitation, and when the memory of her assailants shall be fading from the world, and their efforts be remembered only as a troublesome vision of the night, she, faithful to her first principles and to her high and boly trust, shall increase in strength and in moral and spiritual grandeur as centuries roll onward in their course, and her sons, generation after

generation, shall have perpetual cause to erect new monuments and with devout and thankful hearts inscribe on them, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!"

The Missionary Committee of Review.

That noble room at the Centenary Hall, full from end to end .- well known faces out of every District of British Methodism, from Cornwall to Northumberland,-the gathering of all those who have long been most conspicuous in sustaining and guarding our Missionary operations,-a fair sprinkling of those who have been disposed to criticise our Enecutive,-and an unmistakable air of business purpose resting on the whole of that assembly, showed at a glance that the meeting of vesteriay was not one of mere form. Silence and attention pervaded while the Secretaries read the Minutes up to the close of the rear. Enlivened attention noticeably animated it when Mr. Heakl came forward. Was it to stave off and evade discussion, or was it to explain ? The balance sheet had been assailed; to the the movements of the executive for the day,

balance sheet Mr. Heald instantly turned. A less find that, at home and abroad, their friends

schools is £8,486 3a; and 8 of these, established statements must be read in our detailed report. generations will not be ours unless we be more schools is £8,486 3a; and 8 of these, established, statements inter or react in our to the dataset of proof diligent in teaching. When surveying the seta at an expense of £5,268 [6s., are wholly free They being read, henceforth all accusers must diligent in teaching. When surveying the seta at an expense of £5,268 [6s., are wholly free from debt.—According to the Minutes of Coun-cil recently published for 1848-9, her Majesty's Government has made during those two years more tarry, than did that of the influential meet- ed to us by God? Beside this building the inbuilding grants to 19 Wesleyan Schools to the ing which had the opportunity of hearing their defatigable committee that has conducted our amount of £5,023; grants for apparatus and statements. Mr. Gabriel, speaking with temper Educational affairs hitherto, and now present this books to 55 schools to the amount of £293 0s. 8d, and deceram, and Leard with much attention, visible proof of laboriousness, and the store of and decorum, and many one his confidence in charity laid up in the hearts of our laity, we have for Pupil Teachers, during the whole term of the integrity of the Exceptive. He had, howe- an increasing number of daily schools improving their apprenticeship, to 59 schools to the amount ver, some difficulty on one matter, that of borrow-statistics, and brightening hopes. There also exof £2,860; and in augmentation of their year's ed money. We can only refer to his statements, ists, as we are persuaded, a deeper, and ever salary to 52 teachers to the amount of £614. and the reply of the 3 reasurer, Mr. Farmer ; and deepening conviction that the loast of Metholism Besides this compilation, we give below three we are satisfied that if Mr. Gabriel himself is ne, will pass away unless we multiply our efforts to important articles from the Watchman of the satisfied, all will agree that it is a marvel. We overtake the necessity of the important articles from the Watchman of the presume that he is not, from his declining 40 tion, and meet the claim of all classes of our chil-above date, all bearing on our Connexional withdraw certain propositions which he brought dren. Watched by all parties, we receive a movements, which we commend to the attention forward as a rider to the resolution of satisfac-, share of national assistance, not only for the eresof our readers. Believing that considerable in- tion proposed by Mr. Heald. But this declining tion of buildings, but for the preparation of teach terest prevails at present in respect to Con- may have arisen rather from a conviction that ers. This incentive to labour, and this premium some recommendations contained in his resolu- on diagence, are given us in the order of Provi tions were important, than from a want of satis- dence to try our fidelity, as an opportunity that faction as to the point that has so long occupied could not be relinquished without incurring mile to make room for the Conference intelligence his attention. The calences with which the and shame After much anxiety, after many now inserted, which came to hand too late for meeting leard Mr. Gabriel, and the protound gifts from the affluent, and much prayerful such satisfaction produced by the statements of the cour from the most devoted members of our auditors, were somewhat disturbed when Mr. Church, we see at last the framework of an uni-Sharpley, after being heard at some length, was versal education in schools for the poor, with a entering into minutia yery well fitted for the Normal Institution nearly finished-colleges for meeting of a Circuit, but which was felt on all the families of the more wealthy, and for that ing our unimpaired conviction, that the God of hands to be remarkably unlike the discussion of higher and distinctive education which tends to questions so great as those then before the meet- fit candidates for the holy ministry. Reside ng. When the resolution of confidence in the daily sencols for the poor, whom none can neg-Executive, and of satisfaction with the result of leet without provoking the Lord to neglect them. the audit was put, no hand was held up against we possess a noble array of Sunday Schools, deit. And large as the meeting was, as sharply as manding yet larger sacrifices of strength, intelli some present were known from their antecedents gence and prayer. Then, occupying a perfectly to watch movements at the Mission House, not a independent place, there is a slowly, yet really man there was found to raise his voice even for increasing set of Catechumen Classes, wherein a question in reference to the abundant calum- not the children, but the youth of Methodism receive the friendly succour which they need when nies circulated. Although the meeting had been told, over and on the thresh-hold of active life, and standing in

> ed, and though both Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Sharp- our Ministors, also, have pastoral classes, as of ey appeared to intimate that, at the proper time, old, and thus the rudimente, at least, of a vast they would raise the exciting question, whether educational system, to train up childhood and or not more frequent change should not take youth for Christian life and for eternity, fully explace among the Secretaries ; no sooner had the list. Perhaps no member is wanting to complete balance sheet been disposed of, than many seemed, the fabric, but under an almost oppressive sense to feel that the business of the day was done, and of responsibility we accompany the reports of the began to move freely off. The further reading of the Minutes showed that Dr. Bunting had reluctantly consented to serve the remaining year of his present term of office, and that Dr. Alder praver.

had announced his intention to resign when his term shall have expired, which will be next year. The expected discussion on changes among the Secretaries did not come on. The votes of thanks to the officers were passed without either challenge or dissentient veice !

Mr. Garland expressed the feeling that was universal in the meeting. All knew that they could go to their homes, meet their neighbours, and assure all that the accounts of the Society had passed through the most searching scrutiny. and wer fand without reproach. The calm sense of integrity and mength which marked all

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the market child is as he on this pains many a wis called too with the st a prime the proposed not of \$10 And a model was fixed for Weiler an at sweap of deric in the City Read (We conversive the firsts of eluentermand their cause, which may win the news list. An appearance from errord for the Wesleyan Connexion on the star and other interest and inflaence w to tings of this committee exhibited, with we sincerely la lieve cannot be equ in oney religious boly. To listen to by speeches of Mr. Samuel Bennett, of i ing Park. M. George Smith, of Cumborne technik also a worthy representative from West-ind of Metholism," as Sir. Young c

mary it which he has so long tabo in lost a luxury to any lover of Constitu Webo fism, and the system that nourishes and gives them free scope for the exe de pleut- and indu ace, cannot be the , ling and repressing system against white

sh abuse has been recently directed. We predict a very carbusiastic and suce meeting at the City Read Chanel this eve where there will doubtless be a gathering of high node, and tracher art of Methodist kit

Beligion, & ... in Cultionin.

A Correspondent of Zion's Herald, un le June 17th, gives the following account o gois, elimional, and temperance matt Sen Francisco :---

We have "in San Francisco a verafine M det Episcopal Church, Baptist, Congress Posbyterian, and two Protestant Epi thurches. Our own church is, as it has serve its deditation, in a prosperous state. that the namber of conversions has no as numerous as in many of your churches at by still in every other respect it is as pr oas as could be expected in this very nev operations. And have I must say, that r seen so persevering and indefatig nun as Bro. Taylor. He has not only e mash in building the church in which w wiship, but has also succeeded in building her at San Jose, the seat of Government the session of the Legislature. He has al us h toward creeting another chapel in t to, which is now in progress. In fact he the man adapted to the work of the Me ministry in California.

Tae Biptists have a large and prosper iety, and a temporary chapel building Presbyteria: Society is small in number hey are about creeting a substantial buil which to worship. The Congregationalis ty have a very next and protey chapel, a alcaning the interest of Zion vigorous the two Episcopal societies I can say e: one of them is on the high church and the other low ; but each of them h ittle buildings with a very conspicuous o

. uh. As to the Educational matters we cr on little as yet; we have one very large Palle School in Sin Francisco, under in care aid, tandlor Mr. Felton. "it

is supported at the expense of the city.

thins over one hundred scholars. The

comment have made provisions for a

come to support all the necessary school

city. There are several other schools

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over again, that important business yet remain- peril of the world. Not a small proportion of Education and Catechamen Committees with an earnest appeal, as Weslevan journalists, for individual and united perseverance, liberality, and

The Education Committee.

The Special Meeting of this Committee. was. we should think, as great a triumph as its most sanguine friends could have anticipated or desired. By the sanction of the President of the Conference, its annual sitting was beld, this year. on the promises of the New Normal School, nov

nearly completed. Whether this circumstance had anything to do with the tone and temper of the meeting, we will pot take upon ourselves to say, but it was certainly a favourable coincidence.

of the existence of a strong feeling in the Wes-

levan Body in favour of education, and also w

impress every one with the conviction that, after

before March next, in order to obtain the grant

made by the Government of £7,000, which might

raised by that time. Upon this, Mr. Heald, in a

These buildings, so extensive in their scale. and so impressive in their purpose and character, were calculated to convinc

wes, and Rev. J. Fowler 60. We perceive that during the year forty-one auditors were men of name well known in Lonnew Chapels have been built, and twenty-three don Methodism-John Corderov, John Vanner. enlarged. Last year the whole cost of building sanctioned by the Committee on Chapel affairs was estimated at £21,275. This year the estimated amount is £38,699, showing an advance of more than 80 per cent.

The Connexional Funds, except the Auxilliary, have been fully sustained. In some instances an increase was reported; which is the more gratifying, as the most strenuous, and unprecedenced efforts have been made during the year by reculess men, through the pulpit, and through the press, and by private appeals, to damage to the utmost the funds of the Connexion. By the blessing of God, which we recognize in the prevention of evil as well as in doing positive good, the heart of Methodism is sound, beats true to itself and the cause of the Redeemer, and propels vital and healthy streams through its extensive arteries, affording nourishment and strength for the preservation and usefulness of the Body.

From the Report of the Educational Committee, we learn that the number of Day Schools taught by the Committee's Teachers is 192, (being an increase of 10), and those taught by other Teachers is 221, making a total number of annual cost of £22,347 1s. 10d. The number of Sabbath Schools is 4,444, in which \$65,502 children are instructed, (being an increase in the year of 3,905,) by 84,650 teachers at an annual cost of £28,953 6s. 3d .- Since the last Confer-Committee to 28 schools; 18 of which are held in new buildings; 8 in other buildings adapted to Day School purposes; and 2 to schools reported before. The aggregate cost of the 26 the perfect accuracy of the accounts. Their cies of the present generation, and the future promised 2500 towards the same object; and the

Peter Kruse. To these Mr. Heald, Mr. S. H. Smith, of Sheffield, and Mr. Crook, of Liverpool were requested to associate themselves for deliberation as to the best mode of conducting the audit. Mr. Crook, whose high reputation as a professional accountant gave to his designation a pc-

culiar significance, was prevented by the state of his health from attending. Mr. Heald declar-

od that after serious consideration of the plan to dism, with the Conference of 1850, will be the possessing such an Institution. This kind of jobe adopted in prosecuting the audit, he had led erection of a new sent for one of our most impor- bilant feeling was, however, tempered by the the auditors to use that which he had found use- tant Institutions. The Normal School buildings deeper and mere serious sense of responsibility ful in banking affairs ; and those that know the in Horse-ferry Road, Westminster, aithough not which seemed to take possession of all mindshistory of Mr. Heald's connection with the deli- yet completed, are roofed in. Under the sun- In the very appropriate expression of Mr. Smith cate and extensive affairs of the Manchester Dis- mer sun of 1851, it is to be expected that poor of Camborne, they felt that the Rubicon had been trict Bank, will know how to appreciate this children of Westminster will be going in and out passed, and that henceforward the Methodists statement. Two striking facts were brought forat those gates, and that instructors of the next must either advance in this great work, and take cibly forward by Mr. Heald. As to all the rereneration will be learning the art of teaching in a share in it proportioned to the necessities of the cipts of the Society the report checked itself. those halls. For this we invite our readers to country, and must shew our status in it as one of Every one could say whether he had given more join us in cheerful congratulation, and in devout its r ligious bodies, or be openly and irretrievathan is acknowledged in print. That side, therethanksgiving to the Author of all good. It now bly disgraced before the world. This sense of fore, of the balance sheet challenged the public, behoves our church to consider the trust confi- responsibility, however, was not sufficient to dethe contributors, the colonial governments who ded to her and the facilities and incitements that press or to paralyse the hopes and efforts of the present grants, and all others who in any way arise on every side for the fulfilment of her assembled friends, but rather served to enlarge duty. The new building, furnished with the best their aims and to stimulate their zeal. The Chairforward money to the funds of the Society. No man attempted to say that more money had been apparatus for school business, and situated in the man stated that, in order to finish the buildings. paid than was acknowledged. Then as to exmetropolis of the British empire, will soon be- and furnish them with the needful apparatus, the penditure ; two-thirds of it are in payments to come the centre of a system of scholastic agency, additional sum of £4,000 would be the foreign missions. These sums are charged extended over Great Britain, the colonies, and which it would be exceedingly desirable to raise to the various Districts. Those Districts of course foreign missionary stations. Here will be, we know whether they do or do not receive the sums trust, the norma, the standard of educational me-413, in which 38,177 children are taught at an placed to their account. Thus for three fourths thod, not fixed and final, but advancing in equal be forfeited if the whole residue of cost was not of the expenditure, even without auditors, the check is perfect in the regular working of the nace with the progress of educational science in an age that is distinguished by intellectual acti- speech that did infinite credit to him. Loth as a vity and productiveness beyond any period in statesman and a Methodist, urged that the sum system. It then is with respect only to one fourth of the expenditure, that which is paid by the annals of time past. Our truths are imma- of £10,000 should be raised, with the view of puttable, our religious principle is fixed, we cannot ting the educational establishments upon a fair the committees at home, that the very possibility of malversation can exist. But when the report improve on the religion of our fathers, the Wes- footing for future years; and nobly offered \$500, ence grants amounting in the whole to £679 of the auditors was read, it proved that for eight levan form of ecclesiastical discipline is chosen, on the condition that the Connexion made up have been voted by the Wesleyan Education or nine days, they had laboriously gone through and has its place among the e-tablished community wars of next year. Both the every item of expenditure, examining vouchers, nions of Christendom; it cannot be transformed propersi and the example were cordially setbooks, and documents of all sorts which could in into the image, nor may it be vitiated by the spi- londed by J. Robinson Kay, Esq., of Bass Lane any way throw light upon the case. The audi- rit of this, or of any other age. But the Educa- House, Bury, a well known friend and promoter

will gather anew around them, and bear forward the glorious Mission cause all the more vigorously because it has been assuled. We are assured that our readers will carefally peruse the various statements of the gentlemer, who spoke ; and having done so, their satisfaction will be not here lively Las. our own.

Wesleyan Education.

tors aver the close scrutiny of their audit, and tion of Methodism is not vet equal to the esigen- of education in the Weslevan Boly, who also

question was no longer to be trutled with. Many of the friends of Methodism who hed come up from the country, declared that they had no idea such a noble establishment was in contemplation, and that they felt themselves a

the crection of such buildings, the education Associated, in the history of Weslevan Method. Methodists richer than they had been before, as

required.

Society has been formed. The Parifie Tract Society is marchin the great work of stattering light and tri the Bible Society also, are presenting burs as becomes men of Gol-living dutor of a structure, the grandeur of w only be perceived in we respet to come sir, working Christian man are the sam fornia as they are claugh re, and sid tians are like single Bridat stars in the i of moral darkness. Alas, sir, how my God in this ungodly country.

The Bible in Russia.

During the last four years the I'ro he Swiety of St. Petersburg has pu printed 10,373 Bibles, and 30,833 N ments in various dialects, a large pi which has been distributed in the Bal en. Accounts from other parts of th are of a like cheering character.

Lsfal information.

It has been decided recently by a I gistrate, that when a public Meeting discuss particular business it is disor breach of the peace for persons to ""ak whe have no interest in that part

Report of Delegates.

On Monday list, a Meeting of the Committee of the Halifax and Qach was held at the Provinces Building