

the conclusion that the union which had been ratified on earth was also ratified in heaven.

The devotional service being ended, the delegates proceeded to organise, and by a unanimous vote Dr. John A. Williams was chosen President of the first United General Conference. The remaining sessions, extending over fifteen days, were occupied in formulating a discipline for the united body. On the seventh day the election of permanent officers took place, when the Rev. S. D. Rice, D.D., and the Rev. A. Carman, D.D., were chosen General Superintendents, the first for eight years, the second for four. On Wednesday afternoon, 19th September, this historic General Conference—the most important yet held in the history of the United Church—was brought to a close. Since that day Canadian Methodism has been one from ocean to ocean, and one it is destined, I think, to remain. Strife and division are things of the past that have almost entirely faded out of memory, and a new generation has come up to whom the distinctive names of the former time are unmeaning words. There is peace within our walls and prosperity within our palaces. Upon all our assemblies may the Shekinah evermore abide.