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## MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

The report of the proceedings of the first days of every session of Conference is necessarily meagre. The question which, in the order of business, takes precedence of all others is the question of Character, which, though the most im portant which can engage the deliberations of Conference, furnishes very little that can properly be given to the public. This part of the business has always been conducted with closed doors, and nothing more than justice absolutely requires is sent to the world. Every thoughtful person will see the manifest propriety of this. There is no other way, perhaps, in which it is possible to secure that frankness and fidelity upon the part of ministers in dealing with each other which is necessary in order to preserve the purity of the Church. It is matter of devout gratitude to God that up to the present but one serious case of infraction has engaged the attention of Conference; and, so far as we have been able to learn, there are but few cases of serious delinquency which are likely to be reported from the districts.

## THE MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the ministers of our Church in Conference is an event of no ordinary interest. It never grows hackneyed, or loses its attraction. The hoary veteran who has attended many Conferences comes up to the great annual gathering with unabated interest. There are many circumstances which invest the meeting of Conference with this unfailing charm. The re-union of old friends, who have been associated pleasing recollections of other days. Many of the younger members of the Conference recognize in senior by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock, seconded by John W. members present the men through whose instrumentality they received the saving knowledge of the truth, and were brought into the Church of God. It is impossible for men who battled and struggled together in danger and hardship in the olden days of pioneer life to meet without the stir of emotions of gratitude at the changes and improvements that have taken trict, our hearty appreciation of the brotherly kindplace in the condition of the work of God, and the ness which has uniformly characterized his intercourse mercy that has preserved and sustained them through with us, both in public and private, and our earnest long years of toil and eventful vicissitude.

the Annual Conference. Apart from the many subjects to be discussed, affecting deeply the prosperity of the work of God, the fact that a large number of the ministers and preachers receive and appointment to some new field of labor, must always was given on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. prevent indifference on the part of those who are so Lauder to the members of the Stationing Committee

ence is a time of severe and exhausting labour, to many lawn, in which a most sumptuous and recherche reit is a season of pleasant relaxation from severe and past was served to a large company. The pavillion protracted toil, to a large number the only vacation in was hung with coloured lamps, and otherwise grace doctrinal examination of the young ministers, with read by Rev. W. H. Withrow, and two appropriate

friend, the Rev. A. Sutherland, one of the editors of and singularly successful expression. the Daily Recorder, to the honorable position of Sec. retary of Conference. We have no doubt he will discharge the duties of his office with zeal and ability; but we fear the Recorder will suffer loss by his elevation. The spirit of the Conference, thus far, has been

## THE TORONTO DISTRICT.

The Toronto District embraces sixteen Circuits Weslevan reader.

On the District there are 36 ordained and 4 Leaders, 108 Stewards, 4047 Church Members. other preaching places

Of the ministerial force there are 16 married and Guardian. 8 unmarried men, in the pastoral work proper and for their support the Circuit contributed during the year the sum of \$18,055. The average salary of each of the married men is within a fraction of \$1,000, and of the unmarried men it is \$336. In only one instance is there a deficiency on the item of salary, and that is the inconsiderable sum of \$37. The highest salary paid to any of the married men is \$1,420, and the lowest is \$698.

On behalf of the various Connexional Funds the sum of \$3,450 has been raised; and for the Mis-

sionary department of the church's operations about \$8,000 has been contributed. Towards church building and extension exclusive of the acquirement of the Magill Square property, which cost \$26,000, - the sum of \$12,040 has been subscribed, and totald in furnishing parsonages nearly \$1,000 has been raised. There is, in addition, the ordinary cost of wear and tear on the church edifices, such as lighting, heating, insurance, Lavell read the 40th Chapter of Isaiah's prophecy, sextons' salaries, &c.

Altogether, the financial confributions on the District-exclusive of the Magill Square purchasefor all Connexional purposes, represent the sum of

WE are pleased to learn that the Rev. Gervase Smith has arrived safely in New York, and may be expected in Toronto during the week.

THE Rev. George Goodson, Chairman of the Sarnia District, will preach in Queen Street Church next Sabbath morning, in place of the Rev. J. S. Youmans.

WE learn from the St. Catharines Times that the Rev. G. H. Bridgman, M. A., has received an invitation to take charge of a congregation in Buffalo. We have no idea that Mr. Bridgman has any thought of deserting his native land for the shelter of the American flag. We are rather surprised that so many Canadians are attracted by the other side of the lines. "Hills are green far off."

PORTRAIT OF REV. MR. PUNSHON. - We have just received a port ait of the Rev. W. Morley Punshon, M.A., from a photograph of Notman & Frazer, pub-lished by Mr. James Churchill, and lithographed by Copp, Clarke & Co. The portrait is nearly life size and is executed in the best style of the art. We understand that Mr. Churchill intends to sell it only by subscription, and in order that the clergymen now in the city may have an opportunity of seeing it, a copy will be shown at the Book Room, when those who desire will have an opportunity of subscribing. We bespeak for the publisher a liberal patronage.

THE Conference Secremental Service, in Elm Street was an occasion of much interest, and of very gracious spiritual influence. Impressive practical addresses were delivered at the commencement of the service by the Rev. James Elliott, and at the close by the President, and Rev. R. Jones. The appearance of so large a body of ministers all publicly renewing their allegience to their divine Redeemer was a solemn and imposing spectacle. Everything that transpired so far, in connection with the services of the Conference, gives promise that this meeting will be distinguished by special tokens of the divine pre-

Hamilton District the following resolution was moved Bickle, Esq., and cordially and unanimously adopted by the ministers and lay representatives of the district: "That we, the members of the Hamilton District, desire to place on record the expression of our admiration of the eminent wisdom and fidelity with which our beloved chairman, the Rev. Ephraim Evans, D.D., has conducted the business of the dis prayer to Almighty God that his life and health may long be preserved, and that Heaven's choicest bless Important interests are always to be decided in ing may attend him and his family wherever their lot may be cast."

ENTERTAINMENT TO THE STATIONING COMMPTTEE. -A very pleasant and interesting entertainment seriously affected by the decisions of the Conference, the Wesleyan Ministers of the city and their Though to quite a number the session of Confer- wives. A spacious pavillion was erected upon the the year. Nor is the extent to which the Conference fully decorated, and the tables so richly laden and is a training school, in our doctrine, discipline and artistically ornamented, made the whole look like wasges, among the least of its advantages. It is im- some scene of fairy enchantment; but its reality was possible for the younger members of Conference to fully tested by the numerous guests to their great witness the orderly despatch of business, the discus- satisfaction. At the close, before returning to the sions and decisions on points of Church law, and the drawing rooms, a very beautiful original poem was out being greatly edified and better prepared for their selections by Rev. E. H. Dowart, after which brief and eloquent addresses were given by Rev. M. The opening of the Conference yesterday was very Punshon, Rev. Dr. Ryerson and Rev. Dr Green.

THE REVEREND MR. BROWNING .- The departure of this gentleman for Canada has evolved feelings of sincere regard and affection that must be gratifyharmonious and spiritual. We hope that this last ing to him, the more so as they were not anticimeeting in the old Adelaide St. Church may be dis. pated. The people of Sumass and Chilliwhack tinguished by the harmony of its proceedings, the have presented him with a most flattering address. wisdom of its decisions, and the rich spirituality of and the members of his own congregation have in its influences ca all who take part in its deliberations. like mariner testified their regret at his departure, and the anhabitants of the above named localities, in conjunction with the congregation there, have presented him with a purse containing a very handsome mark of their appreciation of his ministry. five of which are included in the City of Toronto; He carries with him the good wishes of all who and the following statistics, gleaned from the knew him, and the most sincere desire for his future Secretary's book, may be of interest to the welfare and that of his good lady and family. It will indeed be a happy thing if his successor attains to the love and respect entertained for Mr. anordained men; 75 Local Preachers, 181 Class Browning. We are convinced that only with such pastors can the good work be carried on successfruitful field for his future labors .- Mainland

> PRESENTATION .- On Wednesday, 25th instant, Mr. Edward Stephenson, of this city, was made the receipient of a handsomely framed "Conference Group" by the members of his class in connection with Elm Street Wesleyan Church. Mr. Stephenson has occupied his present position as class-leader for several years past, and has always discharged his duties with fidelity and zeal. An address was read by Sister Ryan on behalf of the class, and the Group presented by Bro. E. C. Rutherford. A suitable and feeling reply was made by Bro. Stephenson.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 1st. The Forty-seventh Annual Conference of the Weslevan Methodist Church met at 9 o'clock this morning in the time-honored Adelaide Street Church. The Rev. Morley Punshon announced the 482nd hymn, which was sung with fine effect, when the Rev. C. and the 21st chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. Prayer was offered by the Revs. Dr. Wood and E. H.

I. The first question, in Conference order, is alloted by last year's Conference to attend the session of the present, 233 answered to their names as present, thus furnishing a very large surplus over the required quorum for the transaction of business.

THE APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT.

As the English Conference, with which the Canadian is affiliated, allowed and authorized the latter to appoint its own President for the present year, the ballots on being counted showed that, with the exception of 26 scattered votes, our eloquent and popular Morley Punshon was unanimously re-chosen to that honorable and onerous position.

#### THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

Which is also by ballot, was a somewhat slower work In addition to nearly a dozen single votes for as many favorites, the first ballot showed 7 for Mr. Ryckman, 35 for Mr. Scott, 47 for Mr. Griffin, 57 for Mr. Sutherland, and 68 for Mr. Lavell. The office requiring a majority of the whole votes, another ballot became ecessary, when the numbers stood as follows : for Mr. Scott 18, Mr. Griffin 34, Mr. Lavell 77, and Mr. Sutherland 98. Still another vote became necessary, and the vote showed 9 for Mr. Griffin, 50 for Mr. Lavell, and 120 for Mr. Sutherland.

The President, who on rising to address the Conference was heartily received, said, Dear Father and Brethren: I am very grateful to you for the confidence of which this decision is the renewed expression, and I am especially grateful to that God who has enabled me to go in and cut amongst you, so as to retain that which, next to His favor, I covet most, a good degree in the esteem of those with whom I am called to labor. Before God, the review solution. He thought that we had special reasons to of the year spreads before me a humbling record, and adopt it. It was no small favour conferred on us to whom I am called to labor. Before God, the review in His eyes who chargeth His angels with folly, my best services seem blemished and unworthy, and I need an Intercessor every day : but in rendering an ecount to you, the Methodist Conference, the steward of whose authority I have been, I can say that I have been conscious of an honest endeavor to act worthy of my position and of you. The year has his eminent and consecrated gifts. been one of ceaseless toil, and in some part of it. of REV. DR. GREEN heartily expressed his willingness grave perplexity—the care of the Churches has been, now and then, felt to be a burden-but I have been sustained by the kind helpfulness of all with whom I solution, which was very cordially adopted by the spirit, asking Divine guidance, loving and seeking the go far astray. I have rejoiced with you in the openings of usefulness which have been presented for our have mourned with you that the blessing has not been realized more richly and more generally, and bebeen realized more richly and more generally, and be-cause of tried and trusty laborers who have fallen be-he had never lacked the wherewith to give. fore the harvest was gathered. My increasing acquaintance with your country convinces me of the great mission which, in the providence of God, you are called to fulfil. There is an underlying affinity between the seed you have to sow and the soil into which you cast it -an adaptation to the people and their needs, not exceeded in its measure by that of ny other Church on earth. I think I am no bigot. am sure I would not wish to be. I am conscious of no feeling of rivalry with other churches. May God bless them all; and, in so far as they exalt Christ, prosper them all with still increasing prosperity. But I do not wish my own Church to be either unmindful of the heavenly summons, or laggard in the obedience which she renders, especially when I know that she neither limits the atonement of the Divine Son, nor withholds her homage from the royalty of the Divine Spirit; and that, therefore, as it seems to me, she has just the Gospel which poor sinners need. I trust all our deliberations will have reference to this great work, for which alone it is worth while that a

As to the administration of affairs. I have but little to say. My past may be the augury of my future. pleasant. The President's brief address, which will Some choice pieces of sacred music were sung before save that I hope where I have erred, I may be wiser. be found in another column, was manly and Christian the company broke up, and all came away feeling and where I have fallen short, I may be nearer my in sentiment, and beautiful in its appropriateness to that the kind and generous idea of Mr. and Mrs. ideal. Experience ought to render me fitter to serve the occasion. We are gratified at the election of our Lauder had been embodied in a beautiful, pleasant you, and I trust still to cultivate that meekness of wisdom, that single heartedness, and that oneness with you all in Catholic spirit and effort, which I have always regarded as the human secrets of a Methodist preacher's strength, while in close and thorough dependance upon the Rock that is higher, I ask sufficient grace of Him to whom is all the glory. As to the conduct of Conference business, you know what we should do. I have been reading Mr. Bradburn's Rules for his own guidance, which were thought to be so advisable that the British Conference adopted them. Will you indulge me while I read them, and whether you adopt them or not, I will try to make

1. Be tender of the character of every brother; but necessary and to the point in hand.

3. If accused by any one, remember recrimination is no acquittance, therefore avoid it.

4. Beware of impatience of contradiction be firm, but be open to conviction. The cause is God's Beatty, M.P.P., Thos. Driffil, Wm. Flummerfelt. and needs not the hands of an Uzzah to support the ark. The being too conscious of a point, because 14,500 stated hearers, 77 church edifices, and 9 fully. We wish him a pleasant journey, and a you brought it forward is only feeding self. Be quite easy if a majority decide against you.

> 5. Use no craft or guile to gain a point. Genuine simplicity will always support itself. But there is no W. English. need always to say all you know and think. 6. Beware of too much confidence in your own

abilities, and never despise an opponent.

7. Avoid all lightness of spirit, even what would be innocent anywhere else. Thou God seest me! 8. Do all things as in the immediate presence of

besitting the highest Court of our Church, but our Session may be, to each one of us, a blessed means bell, Dr. Mack, P. Addison, J. Graham, M. Andrews, prepared.

prayers that we may all be guided in the way of

REV. A. SUTHERLAND, the newly elected Secretary, said that he was not often at a loss for words when called to the discharge of his pulpit duties; but he certainly felt at a loss for words to express all he certainly felt at a loss for words to express all he would like to say on the present occasion. He could not regard the present honour conferred on him by his brethren as a reward for either long or faithful services rendered to the connexion—he was yet a comparatively young man; he regarded it rather as an expression of the unwearied kindnesses which he had uninterruptedly shared during the fifteen years of his ministerial life among them. He would try and faithfully fulfil these new duties imposed upon enquiry: Who have been appointed to attend Con- and faithfully fulfil these new duties imposed upon farence, and who are now present? Of the 300 him, he hoped to the satisfaction of the Conference.

THE CO-DELEGATE. The President was very happy to confirm the wishes expressed by last year's Conference—wishes that he would always be glad to respect—in asking Rev. Dr. Evanst o take his place on the platform as

his Co-Delegate.

Dr. Evans expressed his gratitude to God for continued mercies, and to his brethern for this proof of their esteem and kindness. He was reminded that he was the only surviving man now in the active work of the ministry, of all the brethern that had been in the first Conference at which he entered the ranks of the itinerancy. He would not feel the office of co-delegate a burden, and for this reason, that the hu-man ubiquity of the eloquent President had made him so entirely conversant with the whole work a to leave little to be dene by his co-adjutors.

DR. RYERSON, said he addressed the Conference with unaffected diffidence, inasmuch as the resolution which he was about to read might not be fully in harmony with the feelings of their honored President. It was lution somewhat unusual in its character, but the circumstances connected with it were also unusual. He briefly referred to the untiring labors and beneficial services of the President during the past year—services that were as widespread as Dominion; and he thought that the whole Confer

REV. JAMES ELLIOTT, ex-President, had great

covered the whole ground. REV. Dr. Wood very cordially supported the Reselves, and freely accords to us the entire benefits of

to vote for the resolution, and, according to his in torment." That we are unprepared to meet God ability, to practice it too. The REV. Dr. Evans, Co-Delegate, put the re-

Conference. The President, on being presented with the thanks of his brethren for his valuable and willingly rendered services to the varied claims and interests being. The thoughts instead of being what might be right, and bringing all the powers with which it has rendered services to the varied claims and interests been endowed to the search—will not be suffered to of our connexional interests, said that the resolution expected from one created in the Image of God—the was not wholly in accordance with his own feelings : but if he wished the Conference to accept the resolution as it stood he would do violence to his own Church on every hand, and in the showers of bless-ing which have come down upon many of her fields. In reference to one part of the resolution he would wish that nothing might have been said, and that was on the point of giving. He had long years past adopted the principle of systematic beni-

> Douglas, LL.D., for his able services as Co-Delegate during the past year -a resolution warmly accepted

> REV. G. Douglas expressed his obligation for the unanimity of his brethren, in according to him their

DR. GREEN moved, and REV. R. JONES SECON a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Lavell for his valuable and efficient services as Secretary of Conference during the year now closed. The President, in putting the vote, which was very cordially received by the Conference, paid a very graceful compliment to the retiring Secretary for his punctuality, precision,

and ability REV. C. LAVELL, M. A. was exceedingly obliged to his fathers and brethren for this vote of thanks. was glad to know that his humble services met the approval of his brethren. He was a child of

The thanks of Conference was duly accorded to Revs. Wm. Scott and Wm. S. Griffin, as assistant

secretaries for last year. The Reporters for the press of last year also received due acknowledgments from the Conference.

The Rev. Wm. S. BLACKSTOCK was appointed Reporter for the "Christain Guardian."

Phe Rev. John Bredin was appointed Reporter for the "Daily Recorder.". Revs. WM. Scott and John Shaw were appointed Assistant Secretaries, and the Rev. E. B. RYKMAN was appointed Journal Secretary for the present year.

The Revs. J. B. HOWARD and C. LAVELL, M. A., were appointed Official Letter Writers on behalf of ference. It was resolved, that the sessional hours of busi-

in the afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon, June 1. The President gave out the 312th hymn, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. W. McCullough. The minutes of the morning session were read and

The following lay members of the Missionary Committee, who had been appointed by the several Districts, were reported to Conference: Messrs. J. B. Bull, J. Applebee, Z. B. Lewis, D. Shaw, J. Knaggs, S. Lelean, Dr. Norris, J. Brock, S. Warner, W. A. Schofield, J. Foster, Judge Deacon, T. M. Bryson, P. ceep at the utmost distance from countenancing sin.

Lambley, E. Finley, J. Scarif, J. Adams, T. W. Clarke, J. Armstrong, M. Ross, Esqs.

CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE The following laymen were appointed by the Dis-

trict Meetings on this Committee, namely: Messrs. E. Coatsworth, E. Gurney, G. Jackson, J. Watson, O. Wilmot, Dr. Roseburgh, J. R. Howell, G. Car-O. Wilmot, Dr. Roseburgh, J. R. Howell, G. Carpenter, N. R. Bradley; and the following ministers were appointed by Conference on the same Committee: Revs. J. Gray, T. S. Keough, J. C. Slater, W. Hansford, W. Willoughby, J. Starr, J. Bredin, E. Clement, J. Learbyd, J. W. McCallum, Dr. Freshman, W. S. Griffin, W. Price, R. Whiting, and

R. James, T. Jackson, J. Gooderham, M. Ross, as well as life.
M. Crosby, E. Snider, H. Dennis, R. Gardiner, Here the W. A. Narraway, H. E. Clarke, J. Harrison, J. W. Bickle, S. S. Junkin, Z. B. Lewis, E. W. Smith. God.

If these Rules are carried out by us, not only will our Conference business be transacted with a dignity clerical appointments: Revs. R. J. Forman, J. L. Kerr, I. Crane, J. Burwash, E. Cragg, I. Weldon, of judgment.

Case T. Hanna, Wm. McCullough, A. R. Camp

The discourse was closed by an appeal to the un Wm. Stafford, G. Munger, Wm. Beatty, M.P.P.

of grace. Again I thank you heartily for your re- J. E. Betts, W. Barker, T. Brock, C. Fish, J. H. Stewart, J. B. Keough, W. D. Brown, and E. R.

The Secretaries of Districts were instructed to notify the lay members of the time and place of meeting of the Contingent Fund and Church Relief

Committees.
The Pastoral Address Committee consist of The PASTORAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE consist of Revs. Dr. Jeffers, G. H. Davis and Wm. McCullough. Revs. Dr. Ryerson, Wm. McFadden and Wm. Andrews were appointed to prepare the address to the English Conference, Revs. Dr. Wood, John Borland and E. R. Parker,

M.A., were appointed a committee to prepare a reply to the address of the Eastern British American Con The Conference formally adjourned, and the annual meeting of the Victoria College, which, according to the terms of the charter must organize on the first day of Conference, was held. The meeting was immediately afterward adjourned, and the Conference resumed its sessions.

## THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY,

YORKVILLE CHURCH

SERMON BY THE REV. D. E. MC'DOWELL

Amos iv. 12 .- "Prepare to meet thy God, O

These words were originally uttered by Amos the rophet, about eight centuries before Christ. In him we behold one of the many instances in which Jehovah made choice of men of low degree and humble occupations to fill the most important and honorable stations in His Church. Amos tells us "he was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet."

He opens his commission by pouring out threatnings against the surrounding nations; then he calls Israel to an account for their ingratitude to God, in having Dominion; and he thought that the whole Conference and Connexion were under lasting obligation to Mr. Punshon for those services. He concluded by moving a comprehensive and highly eulogistic resolution, referring to the various important services which Mr. Punshon had rendered the Church, ecclesiastically as well as financially, during the past year, expressing the earnest prayer of the Conference for his future welfare and usefulness.

to an account for their ingratitude to God, in having revolted against Him after all He had done for their nation. Finding them still incorrigible after all suitable means had been employed for their reformation, he calls upon them to prepare for the just, judgment of God, due to them as the reward of their crimes. Mankind are as much concerned in [this exhortation] at the present day as the Israelites were of old, and it is as much delivered to us as to them : notice.

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I. That mankind in their natural are unprepared to meet God.

By meeting God, in the sense of the text, we under stand to appear before His bar for trial-to meet Him have the continuous presence and services of such a as our Judge at the last day. We have no account President among us. We have had other distin- in the Scriptures that any person has ever yet met guished brethren, members of the English Conference, who have presided over our annual deliberaence, who have presided over our annual delibera-tions, and whose duties have called them away from us immediately on the close of Conference; but our This life is a state of trial, and when it ends the soul gifted brother is, for the time being, one of our- goes directly either to heaven or hell. "Lazarus died, and was carried to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in this state is evident from two considerations.

1. By nature we are unholy, guilty and averse to reverse is the case; 4,000 years ago "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil con-

Affections are also sinful. Instead of delighting in God as their chief good, they delight in that which is forbidden by the Divine law. Men naturally have not only no affection for God, but they have a strong aversion to Him—to His Justice, Holiness. "Carnal mind is emnity against God." This emnity, not mere-REV. DR. TAYLOR moved, and Rev. Dr. RYERSON ly a quiet and passive element, but it is active and seconded a cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. Geo. potent; if in its power it would dethrone the Deity, overthrow the cause of Christ, and banish mora

goodness from the world. 2nd. By practice they rebel against God; they show their rebellion—1st, By slighting His mercies—how great the sum of them; but sinners despise the richness of the Divine goodness, and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. 2nd, By rejecting the offers of salvation, notwithstanding the numerous means employed, and the character which religion has earned for itself in every country it has visited. Still the multitude will not have Christ to reign over them. 3rd. By breaking His laws. The sinner in his re-

bellion is neither awed by the presence of the mighty God, nor by the dreadful penalties annexed to the violation of His law. It is a rare case to find a person so daring in wickedness, so bold and fearless in crime, that in the presence of his sovereign he would despise his authority and trample upon his law. Methodism, and he hoped to live and die among Many of those heartless wretches who can handle the dagger of the assassin in the dark, would tremble under the eye of justice like an aspen leaf smitten by the northern blast. In this state, does it not appear evident, man is not prepared to meet his God! Is the seditious and disloyal subject prepared for an interview with his sovereign? or the criminal to meet his judge? So man, in his natural state, is unfit for the presence of the Lord his maker.

II. The preparation necessary. Some think this but a trifling matter. If they have only a sufficient warning, and time to say God be merciful to me, it is all that is necessary. Others think if they can only have the ordinances of their Church, have a visit from a clergyman, have a few prayers said over them and extreme unction applied to them, no matter how they have lived they will die in peace. It was resolved, that the sessional hours of business be from 9 to 12 in the forenoon, and from 2 to 51 guilt of actual sin. Guilt exposes to the wrath of God in hell. If we die in sin, where God is we cannot come. 2nd, Sanctification of our nature, which means restoration to holiness.

The guilt of sin not only exposes to the judgments of God, but defiles and unfits for heaven. Arguments n favor are founded upon the perfections of Jehovah the character of heaven, the obligations we are place under to obey the Divine law, and the evil tendency of guilt, can alone be obtained by faith in the atone ment of Christ, "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of ains." Who gave himself for us that he might redeem u from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

III. The blessedness of being prepared 1. It is productive of much happiness in the present life. A Being of infinite goodness, in creating man, could not but will that he should be perfectly happy such was man's original state, but the perpetuati of this was made to depend upon this holiness of his nature-holiness lost by man, happiness vanished with it. To restore man to the enjoyment of holiness, is to put the new song of triumph and praise into his

2. It saves from disquietudes of mind, which arise from not knowing the time or place of our departure to eternity. The true Christian can say, "All things work together for good to them that love God."

3. It secures happiness in the hour of death. Only two things which render people miserable in death, viz., the pains and agonies occasioned by the separation of soul and body, and dread of eternal

The accompanying are the appointments of the District Meetings: Messrs. J. Eastwood, Dr. Caniff, R. James, T. Jackson. J. Gooderbary. M. D. Caniff, of the Martyrs. The Christian is perfectly in death Here the speaker adduced several instances of happy deaths, triumphantly establishing the truth of God; and by contrasting with death-bed scenes of