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FACTS ABOUT THE MONTHLY

A careful estimate has shown that with circulation of 2000, a well printed magazine of 96 pages, 8vo, can be furnished for \$2.00, and will cover/all expense of management and production. With a circulation of 3000 it could afford to pay very liberally for original contributions, and net a handsome profit for the Superannuated Minister's Fund. The United Church will have about a thousand ministers and nearly a thousand circuits. Two subscribers for each circuit

would be a very low average, yet that would secure the self-support of the Magazine. An average of four or five subscribers from each circuit would be a by no means extravagant estimate. This would secure a splendid profit to one of the most important funds in the Connexion.

The project has taken strong hold on the sympathies of both preachers and people,

THE DAILY RECORDER.

for the expression of their best and most missions, and the God of missions.

matured judgments on social, religious, or The Rev. JOHN BORLAND, Superintendent AN EVENING WITH OUR HYMN BOOK. philosophical subjects. At present we have of the French Canadian Missions, addressed For four or five years a committee of gentlescarcely any such vehicle of expression un- the meeting in a deeply interesting speech, men of accomplished musical ability have less we seek it in the journals of a foreign on that department of our work. He pointed been engaged on a compilation of tunes to device for a seal, submitted their reportcountry. Thus might we help to build up a out the difficulties of the task, the compact accompany our incomparable hymn book. vigorous national literature, under Christian and colossal papal organization by which This compilation is said by musical conauspices, imbued with a Christian spirit, they were opposed, and its traitorous ally, and with guarantees of Christian orthodoxy. the renegade Protestantism which aped pop- cal tunes in musical literature. The public-We are now, as a church, entering on a ich mummeries and fraternized with popish will have an opportunity of judging of its Revs. Dr. Ryerson, E. Dewart, Dr. Rice, Dr. new and enlarged sphere of action. We are pricets. He instanced, however, notable character at the inchearsal by the Metropolitan Savage, J. Gray, E. Harper, A. Nicolson, A. making history. We need some depository successes attending their efforts, and indiother than official documents for embalming cations of Divine guidance, especially in the for our children the memory of the great establishment of the Lake of the Two Mounme events now transpiring. We owe it to the tains Mission, which was in a very remarkmemory of our venerable fathers in the Gos- able manner the especial child of Providence. pel to put on permanent record the story of He appealed strongly for increased sympathy their honored lives, and of the good that God and aid, especially in the establishment of hath wrought by them, that they being dead an educational institution for training the may yet speak. Some thing of this sort is young, surrounded by an atmosphere of necessary, too, to enable our ministry and superstition, in the principles of Protestantpeople to keep abreast of the advanced ism. He denounced with burning words, thought of the times. In the seethings of Popery as treason to God and man, and modern thought, the careful examination of sedition against every autonomic form of new truths from a religious point of view government.

sometimes of distressing doubts.

systematic and proportionate giving, and im- mission of Methodism. It was not solely physical health, portant religious interests; and should throw a land of fish and fog. but had magnificent itself heartily into the advocacy of all the agricultural and mineral resources, besides of politics, the discussion of important social ing, linking the old world and the new. woman, etc., etc.

A memorial presented to the late Canada ture, illustrated by engravings of approved shores to our own churches. designs of churches, chapels and parsonages. The Rev. GEORGE YOUNG of Winnipeg, Such a feature could not fail to commend it on rising was received with warm demonto trustee boards and building committees, strations of welcome. He drew a strikwho are often at a loss for hints on this sub- ing picture of the remarkable changes ject, and would doubtless greatly aid their wrought in Manitoba in six short years. labors.

intelligent interest in our mission work.

Surely among the large membership of

zine could be made a financial success, whose

port, not only of the Methodist, but of the

THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY

MEETING.

The interest in the Conference Public Ser-

vices continues unabated, netwithstanding

their number and the variety of counter

Hon. Judge Wilmot, who becomes the more

It took him two months to go, he re-A missionary department of the magazine turned in five days. There was not one might be the vehicle for conveying valuable Methodist to welcome him. There were nov

is so opposed to all real unity. It would be providence, noiselessly sowing everywhere holding them over for the revision of his imthe common platform on which the more the seeds of an immortal harvest. He urged portant address by Rev. Gervase Smith, who rocate, published at Nashville, Fennessee thoughtful and cultivated minds might meet upon the audience increased devotion to the is at present out of town.

noisseurs to be the finest collection of classi- us."

We had the pleasure of meeting to-day the Rev. J. McDougall, from the Saskatchewan country, who arrived too late for night's missionary meeting. last looks bronzed and vigorous, with resolution and endurance written in his eve and mein. We regard Bro. McDougall as one of the most heroic of missionary pioneers-our Canadian Livingstone. We hope his many friends may have an early opportunity of hearing him publicly.

The Rev. Peter Campbell, another of recould not fail to help many earnest minds to The Rev. G. S. MILLIGAN, M.A., of St. turned missionary from the prairies of the the solution of imperious questionings and John's, Newfoundland, was the next speakers far Saskatchewan, is on a visit to Canada, He gave us a deeply interesting account of and, we are glad to say, is looking remark-Such a magazine should lend its influence Methodism in that island. It was the first ably well. The hardships of missionary life to the promotion of the higher Christian life, colony of Great Britain and the first foreign are evidently not inconsistent with robust, social meetings and the home circle. One of the

There was a very successful temperance published. For sale at all book stores, great reforms of the age-temperance, popu- its exhaustless riches of the sea. And it meeting in the Temperance Hall last night. lar education, the purification and elevation was the great mid ocean pier of God's plant- It was addressed by several of our Delegates, whose names we did not learn. Mr. Luke questions, as the relations of capital and la- They were erecting moral lighthouses all Sharpe, of this city, the convener of the bor, co-operative industry, free trade and along their far extended coast, from which meeting, carries his natural enthusiasm into protection, the true sphere and influence of the light was streaming into the surrounding the temperance movement. Would that we darkness. During the last two years their had many more Christian philanthropists of membership had increased one third. New- similar stamp. It is a matter of congratu-Conference suggested that one department of foundland had claims on western Methodism lation that we have in Toronto the largest such a magazine should be church architec- because of the dipleting exodus from its and best Temperance Hall on the Continent of America.

> PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE

UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH / OF CANADA.

NINTH DAY -- MORNING SESSION. ence of the me in cons General Conference having visited the Ex hibition, the Conference did not commence the session until 10 o'clock. The 258th hymn was sung, the Secretary read the 110th Psalm, and the Rev. Dr. Green led the Conference in prayer. The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed. The following members of the General Conference were allowed to return home in consequence of good reasons assigned, viz. : Mr. J. Langford, Hon. J. L. Shannon, Mr.

in the South, and in order to this, if the would subscribe \$1.20 for the Christian Ad they would soon see that they have made good investment.

Mr. ALFRED ROWLEY asked permission to return home, as he had received an account of affliction in his family.

The Conference then adjourned

The Committee instructed to prepare the the engraving recommended being, "The jeneral Conference of the Methodi-t Church of Canada. The best of all 18, God is with

A standing Committee on union with other hurches was also appointed, consisting of Messrs, J. Scarff, R. Wilkes, M.P., John Macdonald, and J. Zummerman.

LITERARY NOTICES

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THE CANADIAN MUSICAL FOUNTAIN AND PRO-HIBITION SINGER. For Temperance Meetings. Bands of Hope, Temperance Conventions, Social Gatherings, Home Circle, &c. Fifth thousand. C W. Coates & Brothers compilers.

We congratulate our friend Coates, of our Book Room, on this further contribution to Canadian nusical literature. The Coates Brothers have already rendered valuable service not only to the cause of good music, but to the cause of morality and religion, by their excellent musical compilations. They now still further enlarge their sphere. and enlist the service of song against our country's greatest bane, intemperance. The book is elegant in appearance, well printed, and carefully compiled from the best sources. It contains not only Temperance, but other selections adapted for best proofs of its excellence is the fact that over 4,000 copies were ordered before the book was

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Daily Recorder.

DEAR SIR, -Allow me to suggest to the General onference, through your paper, the importance of electing to the various offices, as well as to the churches, to be very careful to fill every office and position of honor and trust by members of its own body ; and especially to send as representatives none but those who have already had experience. Do not allow any minister, whatever may be his character or other capabilities, who is not at present a member of the General Conference, or who has not before occupied the position of representative to be thus appointed. Many brethren have already presented themselves and represented the Church in the United States and else where ; not a few others have been to the sea side, and even crossed the ocean at the expense of kind and indulgent friends ; others have never

and evidently meets a wide spread and deeply felt want. One brother concludes a lengthy article highly commendatory of the project as follows .---

"Now, to sum up, suffer a glance at the positive side of the questson. Give your the united Methodist Church of the Domineditor the chance to pay for articles and he ion, amounting to nearly 100,000, with will then have an opportunity to select probably 300,000 adherents, such a magaalways the very best out of good literary productions, and his magazine need never be a very great improvement, and in the end a portinold age of our superamuated ministers. financial gain. By this means you will fur- It should be started on a liberal basis, and nish a work which ministers and educated be made worthy of the confidence and suppeople would value on its own merits, subto each forthcoming number, would recom- general public. Few things, we think, would mend it to others, so that in a year or two do more to foster a sound national literature, of sustained effort, instead of a small pitiful to advance the interests of Methodism, and number of 2000 squeezed out of an unwilling to promote the cause of God in these lands.

people, you might just as well as not reach 6.000 or even 10.000, for a good religious periodical somewhat cosmopolitan in character would be taken by many outside of our own church. Those slow people, the Germans, started a magazine nearly two years ago in Cincinnatti, especially for the Methodist Church. They have illustrated it and paid for contributions from the start. and as a result, with a membership of 40,000 attractions. The attendance last evening they have already a circulation of over was larger than on any previous one. The 8,000.

The advantages of such a magazine are endeared to us the more we see of him, manifold. If of a high-toned, religious and presided. The grand old hymn,---

literary character, it might be expected to take the place of the foreign popular magazines which are eagerly read in many of our households. Many of those are decidedly unevangical in tone; and some are made the vehicle for conveying, under the guise of spurious liberalism, of covert infidelity. Frequently, also, their effusive Americanism, and insulting flings at those institutions which we most deeply revere, outrage our loyal and patriotic feelings; and the predominance of fiction in all of them tends to enervate/the minds and corrupt the tastes of their readers.

But the magazine that would accomplish this must be a strong vigorous enterprize. If it is to be a power in the land, it must be no neutral tinted, milk and watery affair. Its production must not be the mere by-play of a busy life. It must engage the best energies, of heart and brain.

It should be something better than we lately the abodes of campibalism and abominhave ever attempted before. It should able idolatry, would fill thirty-five churches have the moral and material support as large as that in which the audience were entire church, and should be assembled. He pronounced a glowing led, has ever marshalled against the story of few words to the Conference, which request of the enabled to enlist the best literary talent eulogy upon missionary literature, contrast- the cross. Such works are the capital of the among us. Moreover, at this impor- ing it with the vicious sensation novels of dibrary, and are worth their weight in gold tant juncture in our connexional history, the period-enervating both heart and brain. Methodist Recorder. such a magazine would prove a valuable He urged the cultivation of the missionary

bond of union between the widely-scattered spirit in the entire church, from the youngest parts of our growing Methodism. It would babe in the Sunday-school. He narrated, reports of the interesting and valuable be delighted to receive a fraternal communiserve in no small degree to counteract the with graphic skill, missionary incidents of speeches of the Representatives from the said that he would like the members of this after the sermon! I may boldly say no such dis tendency to isolation and localization which deep pathos, and spoke of God's marvellous British and other Conferences. We are Conference to know more about their work covery has been made. With equal certainty I

information from our foreign fields of labor, 300 members and 1,200 or 1,500 adherents. and thus awaking, in an increased degree, an They then owned not one foot of land they have now two churches in Winnipeg. and four in the rest of the Province. He had seen our flag fired on and pulled down by rebels. It now waved victorious. He recounted in touching terms, which deeply stirred the feelings of the audience, incidents tame. A few choice illustrations would be profits would greatly aid the fund for the sup of the rebellion and the sufferings of our Cana dian boys. But thank God, that was all past. A glorious future was before them. The country was rapidly filling up, and they must follow the footsteps of the pioneer settlers, with the everlasting Gospel. He sometimes travelled 120 miles, (going and returning) to preach to a dozen persons in a log house ; but he couldn't stav there unless

> he could take them the Gospel. The meeting was a very successful one and a large collection was taken up.

If any of the members of Conference, either lay or clerical, wish to evince their practical sympathy with native religious and Methodist literature, an opportunity i offered them of purchasing Withrow's "Catacombs of Rome," at a cost very little in ad. vance of the publisher's wholesale prices. The book is selling exceedingly well in

the United States, but the author is rose like a triumphal pæan from the vast circulation in his own country, and especongregation, and the Rev. James Elliott cially in his own church. He therefore led their' devotions in a prayer embued offers it at a very great reduction from the trade price. It has already achieved a dis-

by his usual eloquence, vivacity and vigour, It has stood the test of extensive criticism, He had from his boyhood, he said, taken a sections of the press. The following are deep interest in Missions, especially in Meth- typical examples selected from a great number

> "Withrow's 'Catacomb's of Rome' is the most important and interesting recent American contribution to Christian Art and arch- I. zology. Is entirely free from the smell of mold that usually infects most archaeological works. One scarcely feels like leaving the perusal till the last page is devoured."--Cincinnatti Ladics' Repositary.

Mr. Withrow for his gift to it of this book. It surpasses all previous treatises on the subject."-New York Christian Advocate.

"Is wonderfully interesting It more than matches all that science, falsely so calthe Christian student .-- Pittsburgh

R. Richardson and J. N. Freeman. The Hon, J. FERRIER informed the Conference that all the members of the Conference who have travelled to Toronto by the Grand Trunk Railway will have return tickets by presenting a certificate at the railway office, from the Secretary of the General Conference. On motion, Mr. A. Williamson was added

to the Committee on Discipline. Rev. J. LATHERN moved that Rev. J. Gaetz be added to the Committee on Discipline.

Approved by Conference. Dr. STEWARD read the Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Course of Study, which was adopted.

Rev. W. J. HUNTER read the Report No. 3 of the Committee on Missions, relating to the constitution of the Missionary Society,

which is printed in another column. Dr. ALLISON read a further report from the Nomination Committee recommending the following additional Committees, which was adopted :

1. Committee to prepare the reply to the Dr. Nelles, Dr. Allison and Judge Wilmot. 2. Committee to prepare address to the General Conference of the M. E. Church of the United States : Rev. G. R. Sanderson, H. Pope and Hon. James Ferrier.

3. Committee to prepare address to the desirous that it should have an extensive General Conference of the M. E. Church South : Revs. E. H. Dewart, Wm. Briggs and Judge Deacon.

4. Committee to prepare reply to the address of the M. E. Church, Canada : Revs. J. Bortand, W. S. Griffin, and Sheriff Patrick. 5. Committee to prepare address to the Primitive Church, Canada : Revs. W. S. Blackstock, J. Gray, and Mr. J. Macdonald.

6. Committee to prepare address to the and elicited frequent outbursts of applause. and elicited the highest eulogies from all Methodist New Connexion, England : Revs. A. Sutherland, W. Williams, and Mr. W. Kennedy.

The Nomination Committee recommend the following Committee, who shall define the duties of the President of the General Conference : Revs. Dr. Douglas, J. Elliott, J. Mc-Allister, Dr. Pickard, Judge Wilmot, and Mr. . Macdonald.

Permission was granted to Mr. Theodore Wigle to leave the Conference, as special business requires his attendance at home. Committee on Temperance, which, on motion, was ordered to be printed and circulated for " The Church is under great obligation to discussion at a future session. (See last page

of Recorder.) The PRESIDENT reminded the members of the Conference that the roll was now ready, and desired that all the members would affix

their names as soon as possible. Dr. SARGENT asked permission to address a was readily granted. 'The doctor said that he felt grateful to the Conference for having agree to send an address to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and, as their bishops nold an Annual

We hope to give, in an early issue, full Meeting at Nashville in the month of May, he was sure that the council of bishops would cation from this Conference. Dr. S. further

keep the circle intact AN OFFICIAL MEMBER

ADVANCE WITH CAUTION

The heading of this article is not always an appropriate watchword. In many things the appropriate word of command is, onward ! But when great constitutional changes of God honored organizations are being made, it is wisdom to nove with caution. At the same time in this transition period of our church, let her representatives, for the sake of evident good, boldly venture ; for the man who does nothing to hasten on a better state, is an ally of him who refuses to avert the destroying deluge.

Such thoughts as these are suggested at this very important crisis of Canadian Methodism. Three are blending into one-a trinity in unity is being formed. At the event I rejoice, and pray that the richest blessing of the ever blessed 'Trinity may rest upon this great movement.

The elasticity of Methodism, its ability to adapt itself to the requirements of altered circum stances has often been extolled very high. At present I feel like eulogizing the stiffness of Methodism. I don't want her individuality to be last. My heart warms towards her, as she bears the marks of earlier days. Her history is glorious. She has, under God, worked her way up until she is a leading tribe in Israel. And as the united address of the English Conference : Revs. Church launches her organization, I for one wish from masthead to keel, from stem to stera, to see the individuality of Methodism stamped on her. In her new dress, let, as much as possible, of the old appear.

> The characteristics of Methodism may be deeply involved in the arrangements made for the man agement of connexional fund. I therefore have nothing to say relative to Bro. Grav's plan of amalgamation, nor of Bro. Constable's caustic criticism. But those Metropolitan resolutions indicate more than I freely subscribe to. I would re. spect the opinion of those who wish the term of a

u inister's stay extended from three to five years. The resolution on this point which passed the Metropolitan Quarterly Board has the virtue of being corteous and unassuming. It respectfully asks the rule to be so modified as "To permit, in certain cases, an extension of the term of a minis ter's stay." I don't fancy the parenthetical part -in certain cases. These certain cases are supposed to be, of course, great cases-if I may be emphatic, something like Metropolitan cases. If I should be asked to apologize for such an unkind nterpretation my reply would be, "Such resolu-Dr. CLARKE read the report No. 1 of the tions have been passed before, and have generally a-always, I think, come from the very chiefest synagogues. From the body, as a whole, such a request has not come. And when it does, it will not open a gate for unpleasant distinctions as indicated by "certain cases." If the term should be extended, let it be extended simply. But with a Church so well satisfied by the existing plan

that no clamour for change is heard-the silence of satisfastion being broken only here and there, I doubt the wisdom of even attempting to alter the old rule.

Another change respectfully sought relates to public worship. Why this change ? Is it for the accommodation of those who wish to sit during prayer ! Or has it been discovered that the effectiveness of a service consists in prayer immediately

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journey run,'

with spiritual power. The Chairman's address was characterized tinguished position in standard literature.

odist Missions. He characterized the Meth-

tolic church. He paid a noble and appreciative tribute to the success of missionary enterprize. Referring to our Provincial Exhibition, he inquired what better proof of missionary

success could we have than an exhibition of converted heathen ? Yet the trophies of divine grace in the Fiji Islands alone, but

odist Church as essentially a Missionary Church, and in that respect a strictly apos-