

THE WESLEYAN

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1883.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA—ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

In accordance with certain resolutions passed by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, at its Sessions in the City of Hamilton in September, 1882, the said Conference will meet pursuant to adjournment, in the Bridge St. Church, in the City of Belleville, Ontario, on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of AUGUST, 1883, at seven o'clock in the Evening.

SAMUEL D. RICE President. July 21st 1883.

MASKED ROMANISM.

The Evangelical Churchman, of Toronto, has read "with pain and indignation" a catechism "submitted for its notice by an Eastern correspondent. This it declares to be none other than the "notorious Trinity Church Catechism," compiled under the direction of Dr. Morgan Dix, and "the subject of much controversy in New York."

This masked Romanism is no longer to be seen only at a distance. The unknown donor of this catechism has pencilled on its title page, "Used in St. Luke's Sunday-school." We have not space to point out all the dangerous pathways in which the children of Episcopals in this city are being led.

Other efforts are being put forth in the same direction. Only a few weeks ago our Episcopal contemporary in this city warmly commended, as an excellent manual of instruction for young people, a "Grammar of Theology," which advocates the most un-disguised Romanism.

has fallen into the hands of an earnest and extreme High Churchman, who is as rapidly as possible transforming its character and sowing the seeds of evil."

Is no check being put upon these movements, and are they permitted without protest? Not wholly without protest, for it is well known that the difficulty of securing a proper support for King's College, Windsor, arises largely from the unwillingness of many wealthy Episcopalians to contribute money to be used in teaching doctrines with which they have no sympathy.

The tactics of error are evident. Let a word be spoken against such perversion of truth and the speaker is declared, as we shall be, to be an enemy to the Church, however he may admire her record and her teaching in the days of her purity.

A LIFE STORY.

Few books will have a more useful mission than the large volume recently published by our Toronto Book room under the title, The Story of my Life, by the late Dr. Ryerson.

phy will be the dearer because it illustrates the fact that Christian service may be earnest, active, untiring, and full of benefit to those around us, and yet be crowned with a blessed eventide. For youth there is a twofold lesson: that of a life begun under many disadvantages bringing forth fruit an hundred-fold, and that of a faithful Christian life being closed with rare respect from all whose good opinion is worth sought.

We dare not trust ourselves to speak of his work as a missionary to the Credit Indians, of his important influence as editor of the Christian Guardian, of his superhuman exertions in behalf of Cobourg Academy, now Victoria College, and of his achievements as Superintendent of Education in Ontario.

THE PROSPECT AT MOUNT ALLISON.

We are glad to learn that the vacancies made in the Faculty of our College at Mount Allison by the retirement of the Professors of Mathematics and Chemistry have been very satisfactorily filled.

sive and thorough, and that Dr. Haanel is known as one of the ablest men in Canada in his own department, the above testimony must be regarded as highly satisfactory.

On Tuesday morning the public were startled by learning of the death on the previous evening of the Hon. Wm. Elder, Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, and editor and publisher of the St. John Daily Telegraph.

A correspondent of the Methodist Recorder complains that "some Methodist preachers travelling in the country circuits are too partial and exclusive about what they call 'homes' in the villages, and stay with one household when they might give pleasure and do good to more than one."

At the close of the Conversation on the Work of God in the recent Irish Conference, Dr. Osborn said that "he was glad the subject of class-meeting had been referred to. He did not believe in the turning of classes into Bible-classes."

A case, recently before the Stipendiary magistrate of this city, furnishes a sad comment on the morals of the day in some quarters.

Some recent criticisms by a witty lady on the style of dress worn by gentlemen of the present generation, seem to have some weight with the Church Guardian, which in its demand for surplised choirs has this to say:

"If it [the leading of praise in the congregation] becomes a question between men and women, and men and boys, and is declared in favor of the latter, then the surplice becomes necessary. The white surplice makes all appear alike; the rich man's son and the labourer's boy stand on equal footing as singers to the Lord."

Our contemporary the Christian Messenger acts the critic on the above sentiments, when it asks:

Is there no beauty in variety as well as in uniformity? Why should there not be a variety in the "patterns of trousers" as well as in the height and the countenances of the singers and in the colour of the hair as well in the choir as in the rest of the congregation?

The telegraph strike still continues. It is probable that some compromise will yet be reached. The final upshot of the matter will probably be the management of the telegraphing business of the country by the Government, as in England.

For the many thousands of city Methodists who are scattered among towns, villages and farm houses during the summer vacation, the Christian Advocate has two good suggestions:

"Do not forget that you are Christians, and do not forget that you are Methodists. God is everywhere, and His responsibility cannot be lost by change of place or scene."

Chaplain McCabe thinks "it would be a good plan for all those who are trying to furnish the 'sinews of Zion's war' to stop and give a whole year to the work of getting every Methodist family in the whole denomination to take a church paper."

Some time ago we called attention to the fact that large liquor dealers in New York, in order to avoid the duty on liquors in store beyond a certain period, had shipped a large quantity to Bermuda, whence they shipped it back again, with the expectation that it could remain in bond three years without duty or tax.

Rev. C. B. Pitblado writes from Providence, R. I.

"I suppose none of my old friends in the Province know where I am, and likely few of them care. It does not take long to forget. I never had harder work than now and never felt more like doing it."

That forgetfulness by Provincials of their former pastors is one of Bro. Pitblado's flights of fancy. Let him come and test them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INNOCENT RECREATION.

Every man needs this and should have it if possible. Its proper use does not interfere with mental and moral development. "All work and no play" is detrimental to the best interests of our race.

Recently the writer has been giving special attention to sight seeing, that is looking at and investigating the marvellous works of God, and of His creature man. In doing so I thought it best to turn my eyes away from the beautiful scenery of my native land, and journey to those places where the most interesting works of human genius and skill are exhibited in connection with the wonderful works of God.

A sail up Boston harbor awakens many pleasing sensations. Much of the riches of our world is found on the surface of its waters. The excitement of wonder prevails as we gaze upon the moving throngs of Boston's tortuous and narrow streets.

It will not be so above. The eye is the inlet of much enjoyment. While steaming up the Sound, while the ear is gratified with sweet music, rather operatic than sacred, yet it is music, and if not associated with folly, is it not innocent recreation?

And what shall be said of New York? It is a world in itself. A transient view of its externals is to know but little about it. Almost every aspect of human nature is presented in its Broadway; a good illustration of the Broadway of the Bible. Both sin and grace here abound. Preaching material is easily gathered here by the careful student. It is pleasing to know that amid all the worldliness here exhibited there are many true followers of Jesus. It was exceedingly refreshing to hear on the Sabbath an excellent evangelical sermon in Hanson Place Church, Brooklyn, from the mouth of Dr. J. O. Peck. The singing was largely congregational, yet led by a well trained choir of fifty persons. It was as near what I think should be the aim and practice of all our churches, as anything I have heard.

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