



First Day.

PRAYER AND PRAISE MEETING.

The Conference began at three o'clock in the afternoon, in Shaftesbury Hall. MAJOR COLE, of Chicago, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN said that the meeting would be devoted to praise and prayer, and they would now praise God by singing Hymn 83, of Morgan and Scott's ENLARGED edition of Songs and Solos.

"All people who on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come, ye before him and rejoice."

The Rev. J. COOPER ANTLIFF, of Toronto, in response to a request from the Chairman, engaged in prayer.

Hymn 73 was now sung.

"Rejoice and be glad ! The Redeemer has come !
Go look on His cradle, His cross, and His tomb !"

The Rev. ROBERT CAMERON, of Brantford, read the xv. chap. of Exodus, from the first to the twenty-first verse.

Hymn 95 was now sung.

"He leadeth me ! Oh blessed thought
O words with heavenly comfort fraught !
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

The CHAIRMAN then asked the meeting to allow the tender hands of Christ to lead them all through these services. I thank God this afternoon I can put my hands into the hands of the Lord, knowing that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Yes, dear brethren, our Father's at the helm ; He will carry us through. Not long ago, I stood over a dear brother, as he bade good-bye to his wife and four daughters. They intended to go to Europe, and sailed under very auspicious circumstances ; but, alas, the ship went to the bottom of the deep. A telegram came back from his wife stating, "I am saved, but our darling daughters are lost." I went into his office and said to him, "How is it now brother ; can you trust God in this ?" "Oh," said he, "It's His own dear hand that leadeth me." Oh, my dear friends, there is no condition in life in which a Christian may be placed, but that he can shout and praise God. One morning, shortly afterwards, my wife and