

these gentlemen's services, and now it was only befitting to give them a vote of thanks.

Rev. E. H. DEWART said that Mr. Rose's motion did not involve any endorsement of the book itself, which must win its way, as every other book must, by its own merits.

Dr. PICKARD asked for some information on the subject which the Book Steward furnished.

Rev. W. S. BLACKSTOCK moved an amendment of slightly different phraseology from Mr. Rose's motion, and guarding against any endorsement of the book.

Mr. W. KENNEDY defended the book, which, he said, had very great merits.

Dr. STEWARD said he had been delighted with the music of the book. He thought it was admirably adapted for congregational singing, and to exclude the quartette singing that was killing our church music.

Rev. J. BORLAND followed in a similar strain.

Mr. J. MACDONALD paid a high tribute to the generosity of the compilers, whose untiring labors for four years had been a labor of love.

Rev. J. POTTS endorsed these sentiments. Dr. RYERSON expressed himself as greatly delighted and edified by the music he had heard from the book, and thought the church under an obligation for the benevolent labors of the compilers.

Mr. BLACKSTOCK's amendment, which took the place of Mr. Rose's motion, passed unanimously.

A large number of visitors in the gallery were interested auditors of the debate.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Recorder.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Though all the ministers cannot be honored with membership in the General Conference, yet we, who remain at home, can, through your valuable daily, understand what is being transacted day by day.

While some go too far on the one hand, and abstain till their bodies are weak, and recognize it as the end of religion, others ignore it as "fruitless labor," and taking a march too near Rome.

It is not my intention to notice its enjoyment; for if any are in doubt, let them read Dan. ix. 3, Joel ii. 11, Matt. xvii 25, Luke v. 35, Acts xiv. 23; also Wesley's Sermon, 1 Vol., p. 323. But, I think a properly recognized Religious Fast throughout the connection, accompanied by preaching the word at noon, thanksgiving for past prosperity, confession of our past unworthiness, and prayer for the spirit of love, power, and unity to rest upon the individual members of the United Church, would produce a family attachment of incalculable worth.

RESPECTFUL SUGGESTIONS.

I HAVE written nothing now for several years, except editorials, but what has been over my own name, and I am not disposed to deviate from that practice in the present case, although I would prefer saying anonymously what I am about to suggest; yet in such matters, I believe it more fair and honest for every one to take the responsibility of his real opinions.

Where all other things are equal, and men are equally well qualified for any given appointment or office, a proper consideration should be had to a representation of the different sides of the work, east and west, and the different elements of which the Connection is now composed, irrespective of their membership in the present General Conference, or not.

As we are now a great connexion, and the appointments are for the next four years, there should be none but men of undoubted ability appointed to such offices. Consider the claims of the different parts of the Connection if you can, but let suitability prevail above all other considerations.

As the Conference of the late Wesleyan Methodist Church is the owner of the extensive publishing house, with its appliances in this city, and as nothing of the kind is brought into the co-partnership from any other source, I should like to see its previously projected arrangements disturbed as little as possible.

All sections and elements of the present united body should try to feel that no one should be aggrieved, though himself personally is not comprised in any arrangement found necessary to be made.

There is one thing I should like to see: namely, the amalgamation of the names of organs of the two bodies, that is to say, the Wesleyan and New Connection. *Guardian and Witness* would be a graceful recognition of the two previously existing organs, and be a name not unsuited to our Connectional paper.

I have not written any of the above suggestions on personal grounds; for I have nothing to ask or expect, judging from the past, on my own account; but I write on mercenary and economical and Connectional grounds, and to furnish our General Assembly some outside opinion, which is not likely to reach them in any other way.

Praying that God may give the members of that ecclesiastical court, individually and collectively, all the wisdom that is profitable to direct, I remain, &c., JOHN CARROLL.

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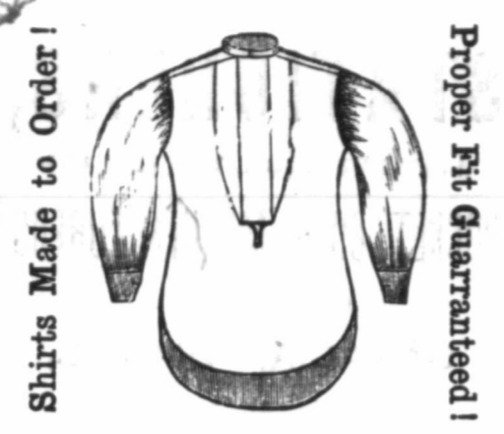
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