

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

15.—*Whereas*, the income of the Methodist Orphanage does not meet the expenditure; be it

Resolved,—That Conference requests all circuits not contributing to the maintenance of an orphan to take up a collection, or solicit subscriptions on its behalf.

REPORTERS.

16.—That the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the reporters, who so efficiently reported the proceedings of last Conference

ADDRESS TO THE REV. JOHN S. PEACH.

ESTEEMED AND HONORED FATHER IN CHRIST:

It has been to the members of the Conference a source of true pleasure, permeated by devout gratitude to God, that you have been again able to associate with us at another of our annual gatherings. We gladly take this opportunity to present our sincerest and warmest congratulations that you have been spared to complete the jubilee of your ministry in the Church of God—a ministry exercised throughout this entire period in connection with the Methodist Church in Newfoundland.

We wish to assure you, honored father in the Gospel of Christ, that you enjoy the love, esteem and confidence of the members of the Conference, who fail not to remember and appreciate the many valuable and varied services rendered to the Methodism of Newfoundland during the past fifty years—services which have been performed often in the very face of opposition and persecution—services which have demanded much toil and exposure to perils on sea and on land—services which have brought glory to God and blessing to man, yea, eternal glory and blessing, for many now among the “spirits of the just made perfect are in glory” through your instrumentality—services which have been, in part, acknowledged by your brethren, in that they have conferred upon you the highest honors in their power to bestow—services which have been continued until that which you desired to see has been, at least in part, realized.

We doubt not but that as your mind dwells upon the present work and position of Methodism, and you contrast it with the past, your soul is filled with rejoicing, and breaks forth in adoring praise to “Him who alone the work hath wrought,” and hath also inspired you with confidence as to the future.

We assure you, as workers together with God, that it is our purpose, by Divine grace, to hold fast that which we have received; and keeping our glorious heritage unspotted by man, to hand it down, as becometh stewards of the mysteries of the grace of God.

We deeply sympathize with you in the severe personal affliction that in the wise and loving care of God has overtaken you, as also in the great bereavement which not very long ago threw its dark shadow over your home; but we rejoice to know that your “times are in His hands,” who is the “Faithful Promiser,” and we sincerely pray that you may continue to be sustained, comforted and enriched with all Spiritual blessing till “mortality shall be swallowed up of life.”

Signed, on behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM SWANN, *President*.
JAMES NURSE, *Secretary*.

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