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EFFORT OF THE DELEGATES OF THE M. E. CHURCH TO THE AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH.

During the General Conference ses sion on Saturday, on motion of W. Rice. the report of the fraternal delegates of he M. E. Church to the African M. E. Church, was received. The Secretary, Dr. Woodruff, read the report, which was as follows:

The delegates appointed to bear the fraternal greetings of the General Conerence of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in session in the city of Atlanta, Ga., have to report, that we have discharged the duty assigned to us. During the last days of April we received from the Board of Bishops the official notiication and certificate of our appointment, and repaired to the seat of that Conference. On reaching the city we notified that honorable body of our apmintment to bear to it the greetings of the Mother Church, and to await any expression of their wishes in the matter. h response, a communication was immediately received from the Conference apressive of their satisfaction on learning of our visit, as well as of their deire formally to receive us at an early

Paine, then to his Episcopal colleagues the minds of many precious recollections of earlier days spent in the Mo-

tion to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

D. SHERMAN,

I could not imagine how I had become so much distinguished. (Laughter.) And then it occurred to me that, after having three times steed upon a block and been cried off to whoever would give most for me, [applause] I thought perhaps in the bill of sale and in the cancelling of the papers, that some of these old papers had got here some way. and as I had been a good loyal nigger to my master, [tremendous applause] that I had got credit for it, [renewed applause,] and in view of that I had besome distinguished. (Great applause.)

However, 1 felt still astonished. I reckon it is not necessary for me to tell you that I am a graduate. (Laughter). I suppose it will hardly be necessary to say how much learning I have got. I will just state all the chances I have had. When a little boy, about so high, (indicating by his hand,) my old master said to me, "I am going to educate you." He told me to take my book. one Sabbath morning, and go to Sabbath school. I did so, and the next Sabbath morning he did the same thing and still the next Sabbath. Three Sabbaths hand running, 1 went to Sunday school, and after I had returned in the a living or a home or protection; second, evening, my old master put me through an examination to see what progress I was making. (Laughter) He hadn't examined me but a little ways until he discovered I had graduated. (Great applause) Said he, "Hand me that book, sir, a nigger that learns like you it will make a fool of him pretty quick. (Laughter.) I turned the book over. of course as a matter of policy. (Great applause and laughter.) Still now and then however, I stole a little learning as I was able, when I was sent to work I would carry with me a book, and while the other boys would sleep I would

Perhaps enough of this. You see I am fully prepared and am just the man to fill the position that has been assigned me. (Convulsive laughter and great On the 15th inst., we were escorted Dr. Sherman, a Massachusetts man, of out any regard for the hospitality which Presiding Officer-the venerable Bishop league, I could not so very well understand-couldn't see the necessity and and the Conference. Our reception was propriety of sending two educated men. most cordial and hearty on the part of (Great laughter and applause.) Howthe entire body Our visit awakened in ever, I arrived at this conclusion, that perhaps the people, considering and knowing, perhaps, the only opportunither Church. Some of these memories ties I had had for an education, may were freshly touched in appropriate re- have come to the conclusion that I was ponses of Bishops Paine, Wayman and only slightly and moderately educated, and in view of that, perhaps Dr. Sher-In going in and out among these be-wan, had been selected as an Aaron, and myself as the Moses. (Great found much to admire and love in their laughter.) And of course the refined purely Christian zeal, simple modes of Doctor with his refined way of talking worship, so in harmony with primitive said some right pretty things in pre-Methodism, and in their devotion to la- senting your fraternal greetings, and bour fer the salvation of souls. We made those darkies laugh wonderfully. would but feel that this church formed (Laughter.) Notwithstanding all this, an important factor in the problem of however, I knew what we were better one Christian humanity this nation has than he did. He thought they were to solve. In conclusion, we are happy believing all he said. (Convulsive to report that they will give expression laughter.) I could then see the wisdom to their fraternal feelings by a delega- of these Bishops in selecting with Dr. turtles and large fish. They pass through Sherman, the Rev. J. C. Tate. (Laugh-

After. Dr. Sherman had said all these

had reference to some other J. C. Tate, tomake geographical surveys to the utmost has twenty species, one of which lives on tomake geographical surveys to the utmost of their opportunity, and to collect as much reliable information as they could; and this is all given to the public in a simple and straight-forward way. Those who hesitate to rejoice to see all the grewing civilization of the country centering round a specific creed, will at least agree that there is something noble in the spectacle of a government which, hampered by treaty engagements with France, and compelled to admit French spirits on its shores, levies its duties in kind, and at once publicly pours the contents of each tenth bassel into the sea.—Westminister Review:

ANIMAL PARASITES.

Professor Van Beneden, of the University of Louvain, France, has recently written an interesting little work entitled "Animal Parasites and Messmates," in which he has contrived to compress a great deal of curious information regarding a subject much more extended than the reader not versed in modern progress of natural history would suppose. He divides the strange creatures of which he treats into three classes: first, messmates, or those who join others to obtain mutualists, or animals which live on each other without being either parasites or messmates, and third, the parasites, whose profession it is to live at the expense of their neighbors, and whose only employment consists in taking advantage of them, but prudently, so as not to endanger their

While it would be impossible here to follow the writer in the numerous distinctions which he draws among the members of these different classes, it will yerhaps prove interesting to note a few of the most odd and novel peculiarities of the creatures belonging to each. There is a fish, he tells us, called the holothuria, which is a living boarding house for the fierusfer, an ecl-like animal. The latter is lodged in the diapplause.) And when I learned that gestive tube of his companion, and, withcourse educated, had become my col- he receives, seizes on his portion of all that enters. The angler or beaudroic of the Mediterranean often harbors, in the bronchial sac, a kind of eel, which is abundantly able to take care of itself, but prefers to live a live of illeness and share its host's spoils. The shark is accompanied by the pilot fish, which does not, as is often reported, exist on the leavings of his larger companion, but on his own industry, and doubtless finds some advantage

in piloting his neighbor. Another remarkable fish, the remora, literally moors itself to the body of the shark, thus converting the latter into a vehicle which carries him about without any exertion on his part. When he becomes hungry, he lets go and hunts for prey wherever he may happen to be. This tenacity of the remora in attaching itself is taken advantage of by the fishermen of Mozambique Channel, in order to capture the tail of the remora a ring to which a cord is attached, and then send it in pursuit of the first passer-by which they con-

At the close of the report Rev. Dr.
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the dog, another on the cat, and another on the ox. Fishes harbor erustaceans instead of ticks, and: these sometimes multiply so rapidly that they cover their post as though they took the place of scales. The cod gives lodging to a species of very beautiful shape, which is its turn affords resting place for a still smaller organism. In the midst of the eggs of the lobster, there lives an animal of extreme agility, which our author considers the most extraordinary being ever subjected.
to the eyes of a zoologist. "Let us," hesays, "imagine a clown in a circus, with his limbs as far dislocated as possible, displaying tricks of strength and agility on. a heap of monster cannon balls which he struggles to surmount; placing one foot formed like an air bubble on one ball, the other foot on another, alternately balancing and extending his body, folding his limbs on each other, or bending his body upwards like a caterpillar; and then. we shall have but an imperfect idea of the. attidudes which it assumes, and which it

varies incessantly." There is no organ which is sheltered from the invasion of parasites; even in man, cysticerci have been found in the interior of the lobes of the brain, in the eyeball, in the heart, and in the substance of the bones, as well as in the spinal marrow. Each kind of worm has also its favourite place; and if it has not the chance of getting there, in order to undergo its changes, it will perish rather than emigrate to a situation which is not suitable to it. One kind of worm inhabits the digestive passages; another occupies the fossa of the nose; a third the liver or the kidneys. Each animal has its proper parisites, which can only live in animals having affinity to their peculiar host. Thus the ascaris mystax, the guest of the domesic cat, lives in different species of felis, while the fox, so nearly resembling in appearance the wolf and the dog, never entertains the tænia serrata, so common to the latter animal. The same host does not always harbor the same worms in different regions of the globe. Thus the large tapeworm of man, called bothriocephalus, is found only in Russia, Poland, and Switzerland; a small tapeworm, the tænia nana, is observed nowhere except in Abyssinia, and, strange to say, the natives consider their bsenze from the body a sign of ill health; the cachylostoma is known only in the south of Europe and the north of Africa, the filaria of Medina in the east and west of Africa; and the Bilhariza, a terrible worm, has been found only in Egypt.

LETTER FROM MONTREAL. and with the state of the state

DEAR MR. EDITOR,-Since the departure of the heavy ice, and the opening of navigation, nothing here has so much interested people as the swollen THE RIVER.

By shoving, the ice did much damage to the wharves. Ships arrived flom sea before repairs could be done, owing to the unusual height of the water. Temporary wharves and gangways have had to be erected for the discharge and taking in of freight. This has occasioned great expense for material and labour, and created delay, when time to merchants is as precious as money. Carters' horses have had to work in deep, cold water, which, in some cases, will probably result in their early disability and death. Lumber, mills, bridges, and even dwelling houses have been carried away by the flood, thus causing great loss of property. Many cases of drowning have occurred. None of these perhaps is more saddening than that which was witnessed on what is called the Back river, on the north side of Montreal. Two brothers aged seven years and ten years, and a playfellow aged nine years, the youngest whild of his widowed mother, embarked on a small boat in rear of their homes. Their little craft floated out towards the channel, and despite their efforts, drifted into the

is in no degree strained by foreign missions. Of this there is now in Montreal various passing evidences. One is in the progress of a new hospital in the western part of the city for people of any profession. In this will be embodied every modern improvement in hospital construction. The necessity for it arises from the rapidly increasing population, which is four times greater now than when the General Hospital was opened. The western hospital is a good distance from any other, but not so far from those places where the labouring classes are largely employed; for whom, and their families chiefly such foundations are intended. Hospitals for the poor, sick and aged, are a beautiful and bless aloutgrowth from Christianity. Modern cities doubtless have their sins and sorrows. So had Jernsalem even when its streeta were trodden by the Almighty son of God, and its temple echoed the music of His voice uttering words of salvations. Hospitals are an expression of His living, moving mighty charity, who Himself werds of salvations. Hospitals are an expression of His living, moving mighty charity, who Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. The nurses to be employed are those who shall have been trained to their occupations. This will be greatly to the patients' advantage and comfort, as they will be enabled better than others to co-operate with the physicians, whose skill and assiduity may become effectual or defeated, by the presence or absence of suitable qualifications in the nurses. The excellent treatment of the immates of the The excellent treatment of the inmates of the Montreal General Hospital which is under Protestant management, attracts a large number of sick Catholics to its wards, more even than of Protestants. This well known fact, now of long standing, displeases Bishop Bourget, who has lately published a pastoral, censuring his flock for lately published a pastoral, censuring his flock for preferring hospital benefits which are outside the pale of his church, and enjoining on them to discontinue the habit. But his lordship's voice will be little heeded. His people can distinguish the pure milk of human kindness guided by seionce, and sweetened by the love of Christ, from the muddy waters of the Tiber, at d drinking freely of the towner which popurishes solitons and rective

mish superstition. FRENCH CANADIANS a considerable numbers are demonstrably having their eccles astical attachment weakened. Besides the large number in Montreal who have publicly renounced Romanism, many in Quebec and Levis have done the same. A French Evangelical Church of such a character as would embrace the whole of these, apart from the diversive peculiarities of Protestant denominationalism, is greatly to be desired. If such a thing could be, and the newly enlighterad Catholic Canadians remain in happy unacquaintance with party words, it would apparently be a blessing too great to be adequately appreciated. Our public men see this and a dentity desire it. It is too much to say that they expect its early accomplishment. Yet nothing is too hards. for the Lord. In the meanting, the Methodists, are endeavoring to do their part to increase and direct the awakened interest in the Gospel of our French speaking countrymen. A few days since.

the former which nourishes, calivens and restores, they nauseate the latter which impoverish, en-

feeble and depress. The bishop's letter may have

been evoked by the failure of a recent attempt of

priests to bartize a Presbyterian patient, and the precautions taken to prevent in future the miserable endeavour to inflict an dying Protestants

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REV. LOUIS BEAUDRY

came to reside in Montreal as agent of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. He is the sen of French Canadians, whose language is his mother tongue. He is an educated and devated minister of middle age, and has occupied forenost positions in the Troy Conference, of the Methodist Eniscopal Church. Himself and family were wel-comed by friends to a neatly furnished parsouage, in which a few ladies had prepared a sumptuous repast. Mr. Beaudy is an able preacher, and sanguine in the cause of French evangelisation. This is an important and timely reinforcement of the Methodist mission in the Province. May its history more than realise the best expectations. Then, who can tell what great things may be seen in a few years, in reference to the law supported Romanism of the country, the cold, dark shadow-of which kills the growing seed of the Word.

"THE HARD THINGS OF THE BIBLE" is the title of a sermon lately preached, and published by the Rev. James 100y, M. A., the minister of the Sherbrooke Street Church. This somewhat singular and thoughtful discourse points out the bibileal subjects on which men of learning and picty have held widely different opinions. This act is used as an argument for freedom of thought and liberty of speech on religious topics, But if the sermon be not followed by another from some such text as "the way of salvation," or "the for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me, his publication in this province, in which a vast ujajority of the people current which there runs very swiftly. A large number of persons assembled on the bank, but were unable to render the children the least assistance. The boat was seen to upset, and the poor boys were hurried away to the mighty rapids a short distance below. A little cap was afterwards found, the only memento left to the averabled as a natidate to the possible ill inhert of the people are discouraged by their prices from making any use of the Bible, some think may do as much harm as good. The esteemed writer is expable of successful effort in this table better course. The everable of the possible ill inhert of the people are discouraged by their prices from making any use of the Bible, some think may do as much harm as good. The esteemed writer is expable of successful effort in this table to the possible ill inhert of the possible ill inhert of the people are discouraged by their prices from making any use of the Bible, some think may do as much harm as good. The esteemed writer is expable of successful effort in this table better course.