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#### UNION OF METHODIST BODIES IN CANADA.

No one can carefully study the signs of the times in the Christian world, without being struck with the extent to which a spirit of union has superseded the tendency to division and disintegration, which prevailed in former times. It has become an undeniable feature of modern Christian society, the fruit of the growing intelligence and chartity of the times, in which it is sometimes heard it hinted that the Wesleyans our privilege to five. This tendency may be dis- wanted to swallow up all the minor bodies. No tinctly seen in various manifestations. We see it in greater forbearance and charity between those denominations, that are most widely apart In their theological creeds. It is very common now, to see a Methodist, representing Arminianism, and a Presbyterian, representing Calvinism, exchanging pulpits, without either entertaining any fears that his people will be poisoned by heresy. Indeed, as in all reactions, there is mow a tendency to an extreme opposition to creeds in many quarters, that does not sufficientty estimate the importance of contending " earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Another sign of this change in the feeling of Christian people at present, as compared with the past, is the strong indisposition to divide or form new sects. For many years there has been scarcely a split or division session last night, in the large Committeein any of the churches. In former times, if some room of Elm Street Church. The duties of No cunning villain wears the priestly robe as a cloke. leading popular preacher was slighted and cha-the Committee promise to be unusually difficult grined by the action of the church authorities. be raised the banner of independence, and found ne difficulty in obtaining followers, and organining a new society. Nearly all the offshoots of Methodism had their origin through the influ. to all parties concerned, and at the same time ence of some "brother offended." But it would be something very serious that would now induce any body to divide and form a new sect. And the most influential minister in any religious body would have little success in attempting to divide his church, and form a new society. The grounds that were once thought quite sufficient to justify such a movement, would no longer be deemed satisfactory. The principle of toleration of differences of opinion has gained ground sufficiently to neutralize the tendency to disintegration and division. Men are beginning to in Europe and America. Roman Catholics and realise that they may differ in judgment on Infidels (Herod and Pilate having made peace minor points, and yet hold the great central for the nonce) are fighting side by side against truths firmly, and have a common experience of the divine life in the soul. They begin to see, that prejudice and sectarianism have a wonder ful power to exaggerate differences and distort the truth respecting those with whom we disagree. But the change of which we speak manifests itself in more direct forms, than in the arrest of the tendency to disintegration. There is a positive and wide-spread movement, for the healing and repairing of the breaches of the former generations. The Presbyterians have taken the lead in this movement. In Canada Presbyterianism has greatly strengthened itself. by the union of the Free and U. P. Churches. In the United States the two great bodies of Presbyterians have consummated their union. In Scotland the United Presbyterian and Free Churches will probably be united before long. In England the Established Church has waked up to the desirability of absorbing the Wesleyans into itself; though they forget that Methodism does not owe as existence to any schism or dirision; but is the outgrowth of a revival of primitive Christianity. The Bible Christians and New Connexion Methodists in England are taking steps towards a union of the two bodies. In the United States a commission was appointed by the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to open negociations with all bodies of Methodists desiring union. The overtures of this commission have so far given promise of progress in the direction of union. Exen the old Roman Church recognizes the ten- Mr. Stephenson has occupied his present posi- priety to range below the rigid dignity of history, dency of the times, and reeks to utilize it in her tion as class-leader for several years past, and own way, by calling on the Protestant churches has always discharged his duties with fidelity to secure the unity of Christendom, by taking shelter under her wings. In short the tendency

time that Canadian Methodism was taking steps feeling reply was made by Bro. Stephenson. There are doubtless hindrances and difficulties the distinctive peculiarities of each body is to but resolutions were adopted adverse to Union. be incorporated in the United Methodism of the future. It is also very probable that the feeblest preachers, in all the different bodies, would tion of holiness is to be held at Hamilton, preachers, in all the different bodies, would expose union; lest in the readjustment they might be eliminated, or at least their importance and in the ministers who were in any way associated with him,—thus supplying in this work what must be a very interesting history of that church in this country. Mr. Carroll's style is chaste, racy, and

Some indeed say, that such dissatisfied ones would probably form new societies, which would defeat the object aimed at. There is not much to be feared from any movement of this kind. The state of popular feeling P.M. is not favorable to such divisions, unless they can 6 22 7 42 be shown to be justifiable and necessary. But the greatest hindrance to Methodist union will be found in the want of a strong desire for union. among the different branches of the Methodist family. As long as the sectarian feeling is strong, it does not require any formidable obstacle to prevent union. But as soon as all jealousy and irritation dies out, and there is a deep and general conviction, that union will increase and consolidate our influence for good in the country. the hindrances shall melt away before the influence of the spirit of union.

It will hardly be questioned that there are differences between the different bodies of Methodists, sufficiently important to justify and necessitate permanent separation. And there is just as little ground to question, that the union price 50 cents. Orders to be addressed to of all the Methodist sections—if a real and not a formal one -would increase the efficiency of Methodism in Canada. We cannot here argue this point, or attempt to enumerate these advantages; they will occur to all who impartially examine the subject, as neither few nor small.

> The most important step towards union, that could be taken at present, is to cultivate mutual fraternal feeling. It is not, perhaps, best to com mence by discussing the terms of union, before we are sure that it is generally desired. As in marriage, the formal and legal union, must be only the ratification of a union of feeling and sentiment, which previously existed. We have feeling of the kind exists. We regret to say, that we are by no means sure the desire for union is as strong and universal, as we could wish; and we therefore write to promote and strengthen it. We hope, that at our approaching Conference, arrangements will be made to exchange fraternal greetings with the Methodist, and other ecclesiastical bodies, which meet at the same time in this city. Though no organic union may ever be the result, fraternal Christian relations should be maintained between all who hold the same faith and love the same Saviour.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE STATIONING COMMITTEE held its first the present year. Under the most favorable circumstances it is no easy task to station some five hundred preachers so as to give satisfaction secure the best interests of the whole work ; and the difficulty is this year increased by the Circuits in the cities and large towns. The members of the Committee will need all the trust they will have an unstinted interest in the prayers of both ministers and people.

THE Battle for the Bible in Common Schools is being waged with considerable vigor, both the Book, and not a few "Liberal Christians" (?) are associated with them in the unholy crusade. Strange that many Protestants cannot see that the exclusion of the Bible from the Public Schools means a godless education, and that a godless education means the ultimate ascendancy of Poperv and Infidelity. \*

In another column will be found the advertisement of the New York Life Insurance Company, to which we call the attention of our readers. This is an old and well established Company, having been chartered in 1841. The last report, issued January 1st, 1870, shows profits are divided among the policy holders. A Canadian Board of Directors gives evidence that the interests of Canadian assurers in the press; but all that have seen it have spoken well of "New York Life" will be carefully guarded the work. Very brief extracts from those conductors Thos. Gilroy, Esq., the general agent, will furnish all desired information at his office, given below King Street East, Toronto.

PRESENTATION .-- On Wednesday evening last Mr. Edward Stephenson, of this city, was made the receipient of a handsomely framed "Conference Group" by the members of his class in connection with Elm Street Wesleyan Church. Methodism. This plan has enabled him with proand zeal. An address was read by Sister Ryan on behalf of the class, and the Group presented Under these circumstances, is it not high by Bro. E. C. Rutherford. A suitable and

to present an unbroken front to the enemy? THE overtures of the General Conference of Christian heroes who planted, amid many difficulties, the M. E. Church to the M. E. Church South, in the way of such a union; but if they are ever on the subject of Union, have failed for the the face the better. The main practical difficul. present. The delegates from the Church North ty will be found in determining what portion of were treated with great kindness and courtesy;

A NATIONAL Camp Meeting for the promo-

THE STATIONING COMMITTEE

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The Missionary Districts are represented by the Missionary Secretaries.

### LITERARY NOTICES.

LOTHAIR. By the Right Hon. D.

Appleton & Co., New York. The great literary sensation of the season is Mr. Disraeli Lothair. The announcement that it was a political and religious novel made many anxious to see what the ex-Premier, in the maturity of his exsee what the ex-Premier, in the maturity of his ex-perience, would say on these questions. Its literary Guardian. It is not to the credit of Canadians that merit fully sustains his reputation, but those who expect any light upon the political questions of the hour will be disappointed. The statement made in some quarters that he had shown up the Marquis of Salisbury, and other political rivals, has also a very slight foundation. Those who are familiar with the English aristocracy will, doubtless, recognize the 'Duke of Brecon," and several others; but there is hardly anything that can be said to amount to ridiculing opponents under fictitious names. The leading idea of the book is to trace in the history of "Lothair" the wily efforts of the Romish priests to get him into their control. Lothair is just the kind of person that would attract such attention. Frank, unsettled in religious opinion, confiding and impressible, with a devout turn of mind and immensely wealthy, he was a prize worthy of their most untiring efforts and consummate finesse. The main interest of the book consists in the narration of these efforts. This is certainly well done. Most similar works are caricatures that awaken a revulsion of feeling by their coarse and unjust exaggeration of facts. But there is nothing of the kind here. No special badness or wickedness is ascribed to Roman Catholics. Catholic to which any intelligent member of that communion could justly repudiate. The tact and cunning with which the scheme of the Jesuits and their friends is pursued are wonderful. Two or three times the noose seems around his neck, and nothing remains but to draw the cord; yet he slips out and ultimately escapes. Mr. Disraeli betrays no fact that changes have to be made in nearly all special enthusiasm for Protestantism. The High Church receives some delicate attentions. Nor has he any fixed principles or satisfying faith into which members of the Committee will need all the to lead the restless and impressible Lothair. He wisdom and patience they possess; and we leaves him in that respect little better than he found him. Yet coming from one so intimately acquainted with the highest English society, and the efforts of Popery in that sphere, it will be read with profound interest in these circles, and cannot fail to deal an effective blow to the machinations of the Jesuits in that quarter.

> CASE AND HIS COTEMPORARIES; OR, THE CANADIAN ITINERANTS' MEMORIAL. Constituting a Biographical History of Methodism in Canada, from introduction in the province till the death of the Rev. William Case, in 1855. By John CARROLL. Published by the Rev. Samuel Rose, at the Wesleyan Book Room. Price \$1 90 for the two

This work is published in duodecimo form, and for a provincial publication, very well executed, mechanically. Two volumes of it are out, which cover the space between the years 1790 and 1824.

The author, speaking of the design of the work,

"It is not a history in the ordinary sense, much less a single biography, nor a bundle of biographies; but a biographical history. The primary design of the work is to give a presentation of one particular public man, the Rev. William Case, and a secondary one of all the Methodist ministers and preachers who assets to the value of \$13,025,561, with a have laboured in the two Canadas from the first till the time to which the work comes down, all of whom divisible surplus of \$1,670,750. The Company | we have, in one way or another, connected with Mr. being a mutual one, the greater portion of the Case. His life is the principal stream, the others are the tributaries.

> For reasons, not necessary to mention, it has been presented to a very limited portion of the public of the press who have had a chance to know it are

"Mr. Carroll has performed a valuable service in thus far collecting and arranging the existing materials into a history of Canadian Methodism. As such a history must in a great degree be an aggregate of the nistories of individual personages, he has not inappropriately given it the character and form of a biographical history.' Around the Rev. William Case, as the principal figure, he has grouped a large body of the founders and leaders of Canadian nd give us minute details and pointed anecdotes. Methodist Quarterly.

"The contents cannot fail to be of interest to every Methodist in the Dominion. Mr. Carroll wields ready pen, and his style is popular and pleasing. As stated in the title, the book is a biographical sketch of the pioneers of Methodism in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada; and the author has done excellent service to the Methodist Church by placing in this permanent form these reminiscences of dangers, and privations, the standard of Episcopal Methodism in Canada. Case and his Cotemporaries are the common property of Methodism, and their memories are embalmed in its heart. We commend the volume to Methodists of every name. The first volume closes at 1815."—Canada Christian Advocate.

"It gives an interesting account of the first labors of the well-known and devoted Missionary, Case, during the early years of Methodism in Canada; and weaves in, in a most charming way, a little history of all the ministers who were in any way associate

"It is very neatly got up as regards the typography and binding. The style is strikingly characteristic of the writer, and it will be read with peculiar pleasure by those who are acquainted with him. In all his pulpit and platform addresses, when Mr. Carroll has anything to say (and we have never known him at a loss in this respect), he says it in a plain straight-forward manner, without any effort at what might be termed polished diction; but at the same time entirely free from monotony, and eminently calculated to arrest the attention. He writes in precisely the same style. We anticipate for the work an extensive circulation in this and the adjoining counties, not only on account of its own merits, which are considerable, but because the scene of the labors of the pioneer Missionaries was to a great extent upon the shores of the Bay of Quinte, and also because of the universal estimation in which the writer is held."-Hastings Chronicle.

"The narrative is detailed, and in a simple, per spicuous style. As the Methodists of Canada were till 1828 in connection with our General Conference. the sketches are, many of them, sf persons familiar t us, and very much of the rise and spread of Methodism along the American border is incidentally brought to view."-- Western Christian Advocate

"We take pleasure in ranking the author among our choice friends. The book merits, and we trust will have, an extensive sale."-Guide to Holiness.

"It gives a very graphic, interesting and enter taining account of the origin and early history of the Methodist Church in Canada, including many personal sketches, and adventures of thrilling interest connected with the heroic and laborious lives of the early pioneers in that cause of whom, the late Hon. W. H Merritt said, 'Canada owes more than to any other agency whatever.' Every Methodist in Canada ought have a copy of Mr. Carroll's books, which we have no hesitation in stating, gives the best and most reliable history of those early times which has yet been offered to the public. The price is only one works of this kind have not been properly appreciated. We bespeak for this a sale of, at least, ten thousand copies. The typograph and binding are creditable, and the style is Mr. Carroll's—easy, racy, lively,

"Our esteemed Brother Carroll appears to have an special fitness for the work he has chosen. Those who have read the first volume of this interesting history will be anxious to procure its continuation It is marked throughout by the author's characteristic, genial spirit and racy style, and a constant play of numor ever enlivens its pages. His delineations of character are of photographic vividness and fidelity The record of pioneer experience should inspire ofty courage and noble enthusiasm in the laborers of have we given thee." the present. It is fitting to lay a wreath upon the graves of those who have fallen on the field, and to twine a garland for the silvery locks of those who are yet alive; and who more fittingly can discharge this duty than one who himself has borne the burden and the heat of the day, encountered those privations, and shared those labors? The entire work is bathed with the spirit of carnest piety, and cannot but prove an incentive to diligence in the service of God to all who read its pages with a spark of Christian sympathy. It is well to preserve from oblivion the already fading memories of those heroic men who laid broad and deep the foundations of the goodly fabric of Methodism in our fair provinces. They rest from their labors, but their works do follow them.

but the publisher would be the more encouraged to Mission :invest capital in compliance with their wish, if the "While waiting for the report of the committee laity and ministers to assemble at the approaching sent by the Baptists here to Madrid, to see what can sent by the Baptists here to Madrid, to see what can Conference, and all others friendly to Canadian be done about Professor Knapp and his mission, which has suddenly stampeded with its leader to the sions of the first two volumes.

#### Our Rome Work

BRADFORD DISTRICT

In describing the geographical situation of the Bradford District, it will be sufficiently accurate to set off from Barrie, viz., Bradford, Newmarket,

eld in the town of Bradford, was promptly and parmoniously discharged, and the returns from the several Circuits, on the whole, very encouraging. giana Island. Most of the Circuits and Missions ess, during the year. These have been especially but no evangelists. He now fell back on his train rear is about two hundred. Nearly three hundred dollars have been raised for misssionary purposes, over what was collected on the same ground last year: and all the other funds are pleasingly in advance. By the erection and improvement of churches, by

paying off church debts, and by providing and furnishing suitable parsonages, the ministers and membership on the different Circuits have manifested a as far as my knowledge extends, in our entire work. The former proprietor, Mr. Robert Parker, doubtless designed to confer a permanent benefit on the church when he consented to give the property for two thousand dollars. A new church is very much needed in Newmarket. Our friends there are talking about it, and when they begin to act in the matter, will, no doubt, display their accustomed energy and liberality. Aurora, Bond Head, Cookstown, Sharon and Mount Albert, and Rosemont, have added greatly to the comfort of the ministers and their families by generous additions to the parsonage furniture. The Bond Head Circuit has done itself great credit in

exceedingly natural; and he will not lack a host of the erection of a very comfortable brick parsonage, just finished, at a cost of two thousand dollars.

On visiting Lloydtown lately, I found ministers and people engaged, heart and hand, in collecting material-most of which was already on the groundfor a substantial brick church. The contract had been given out, and when the building is completed it will, doubtless, by the Divine blessing, give a but at the fresh impetus to our cause in that section of country. It is, I think, matter of regret that the Quarterly Official Board has decided to request the appoint ment of but one minister to the Circuit next year, Rosemont and Horning's Mills have each a new church almost ready for dedication, and Mono has added to the convenience of the principal congregation by building a new shed worth one hundred and twenty-five dollars. A new brick church at Thornton, Cookstown Circuit, costing two thousand tive hundred dollars, has been dedicated to the worship of God in the course of the year, and the Superintendent of that charge is now residing in a very convenient and respectable frame parsonage, lately purchased for eleven hundred dollars. On the Innishl Circuit over three hundred dollars have been expended in painting and furnishing the Victoria church and improving the parsonage, nearly all of which was paid for as the work proceeded.

> The appropriations for the ministers' support are generally not large, but, for the most part, they have been honorably met. Deficiencies were reported from but two Circuits on the District, and in both cases, it is to be hoped that an effort will be made to pay up in full prior to the meeting of Conference. There is no ground, upon a survey of the past year, for a boastful parade of our performances. nor is the above statement designed to look at all in that direction. We have all abundant cause of deep humiliation that more has not been accomplished. Perhaps no one has done or given what he could. Still we ought to mark and be grateful for the tokens of God's approval which he is pleased to bestow, and I am confident we can all join in saving, "Now, therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name . . . that thy people should be able to offer so willingly after this sort, for all things come of thee, and of thine own

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# Religious News.

MISSION WORK IN SPAIN

Some time ago the Rev. Prof. Knapp was sent to Spain as a Missionary, by the American Baptists. After laboring for some time with considerable suc cess, some special circumstances of the work induced Reverently let us mention their names, lightly let us him to connect himself and his work with the Presby All is delicate and respectful. There is scarcely tread upon their ashes."—Wesleyan Daily Recorder. terian Church. A Committee has been sent out from The author has a third volume ready to go to the Baptist Church in the United States to inquire ress, which covers the great crisis of our Canadian into the case. The last N. Y. Independent gives Methodist History. Many are clamouring for this; the following particulars respecting Mr. Knapp's

> literature, would unite to empty the shelves in the Book-Room of the unsold balance of former impres. which has suddenly scaling the Presbyterians, we condense from his last letter his explanation of the affair. When Professor Knapp came to Madrid, in last July, he found evangelical activity limited to one hall, capable of holding 800 or 900 people, where pastors Ruet and Carrasco held services, twice on the Sabbath and once on Thursday. Besides this, there were three small Bible classes and some energetic Bible and tract distribution. In two months after beginning among the poor, Mr. Knapp had two halls and four evangelists preaching every night to 500 people. A third hall was afterwards taken and filled. Then he thought of forming a church, and received before February the names of say, it extends over the Ridings of North York and 1,325 persons who wished to identify themselves with South Simcoe—a territory in which the village of Bond Head occupies nearly a central position. In forming the District a recording Community the District and Community the District a recording Community the District and Community the District a forming the District a year ago, nine Circuits were who had attempted a similar work in imitation of his did not succeed well, and attacked his work there and in England; so that at one time the money Aurora, Bond Head, Lloydtown, Cookstown, Innisfil, almost ceased coming, and his time was taken up in Sharon and Mount Albert, and Horning's Mills; privately answering these indirect attacks. There and one from Toronto, viz., Mono. At the same of the Cookstown ob a same of the cookstown observance of the cookstown observance date, a portion of the Cookstown charge was formed sustain him in establishing a church of their order. into what is now the Aliston Circuit; and the Mon- But, after replying to that letter, four weary months Mission was divided into two charges, Mono and look elsewhere. When he determined to form a Rosemont—the latter to be self-sustaining. Thus a Baptist church, and so wrote to the Baptists here, he new diocese, embracing twelve Circuits, was or had begun in earnest to prepare for it, and had given ganized, and Bradford took its place in the list of while announcing that one of the smaller halls would be closed, and the congregation in the larger hall in The business of our first annual meeting, lately which he was speaking, one of the evangelists who would in the town of Bradford was promotly and would thus be thrown out of employment strode in aud begun haranguing the ignorant people most violently, and excited them against Mr. Knapp as a foreigner. They hissed Mr. Knapp, and threw out Two successful camp-meetings were held last sumthem, but went home under guard. Next day he mer. one on the Cookstown Circuit, and one, more closed the chapel and dismissed the ringleader of the particularly for the benefit of the Indians, on Georhave been favored with revival influences, more or now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable of holding 900 people now had two halls, capable now had two halls now had two had two halls now had two ha hands, to be carried on by foreign aid. Mr. Knapp vouchsafed on the Aurora, Bradford, Mount Albert, school, under the charge of Mr. Moore, and selected Cookstown and Aliston Circuits. After making up heavy losses occasioned by close pruning and removals, the increase in the membership over last Believing this the time when prompt action must be taken, Mr. Knapp proposed to two Scotch Presby terian clergymen there the establishment of Presbyterian church, not believing that American denominational differences should be transferred to Spain. They telegraphed to Scotland, and were mmissioned to form a presbytery and ordain Mr. Knapp, which they immediately did. A church was organized of 50 members, and on the first Sabbath in April Mr. Knapp administered the sacrament in the presence of a large audience. The cause of the revolt he says, was "foreign gold in the hands of Christians. Every one of the evangelists were engaged by the becoming zeal. A heavy debt on the church in Plymouth Brethren, and one of his missions taker Bradford has been cancelled during the year, and up by them. He hastened to reopen the other, and Bradford has been cancelled during the year, and the Official Board of that station has purchased a very commodious brick parsonage, one of the best, as far as my knowledge extends, in our entire work. The has a church of 100, crowded halls, new evangelists, and order. He has taken a new hall, that will seat 1,000 people, where Carrasco will preach. He as far as my knowledge extends, in our entire work. are required to attend the theological school. appears that the Baptist deputation will find their aission of no avail, as the die is irrevocably cast.'

## ENGLISH CHURCH IN JAMAICA

In Jamaica the recently disestablished Church has