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## The Female Martyr.

There was a Roman lady,  
Brought up in Popery,  
Her mother often told her  
The priest she must obey.  
Oh, brother, dear mother,  
I humbly pray you now,  
But unto these dumb idols  
I can no longer bow.

Assisted by her handmaid,  
A little she discended,  
And there she gained instruction,  
Till God his love revealed.  
I cannot weep alone,  
Nor pictures made by man;  
Dear mother see your pleasure;  
But pardon if you can.

With grief and great vexation,  
Her mother straight did go  
To inform the godless clergy  
The case of all her woes.  
The priests were soon assembled,  
And on this maid did call;  
They thrust her in a dungeon,  
To fight her soul whilst.

The more they strove to torment her,  
The more she still endured—  
Although her age was tender.  
Her faith was firm and sure.  
The chains of gold so costly,  
They bind her lady took;  
While she, with joy and pleasure,  
The pride of life forsook.

Before the Pope they brought her,  
In hopes of her return;  
And there she condemned  
To flaying fire to burn.  
Unto the pangs of torment  
They brought her speedily;  
With uplifted hands to Heaven,  
She there agreed to die.

There being many ladies  
Assasted at that place,  
She raised her hands to Heaven,  
And begged supporting grace.  
Weep not, ye tender ladies,  
Shed not a tear for me,  
For while my body's burning,  
My soul its God shall see.

Yours only to pity,  
In Zion's deep distress;  
Young ladies, turn to me;  
And make no longer stay.  
They bring her agonies,  
Her daughter to behold,  
And in her bosom she brought her  
An image decked with gold.

Oh, take away this idol!  
Remove it to thy right;  
Restore to me my bibles,  
In which I take delight!  
Also! my aged mother,  
Also! how vile you're been;  
Toss you that did betray me:  
But I am innocent.

Instead of golden bracelets,  
With chains they bound her fast;  
Dear Lord, she cried, support me,  
For I must die at last.  
Soons as these words were spoken,  
Up came the case of death,  
And kindled up a fire,  
To stop this virgin's breath.

Turnest thou, my pleasure,  
And do so you think best;  
I hope my heavenly Father  
Will take my soul to rest.  
With Jesus and his angels,  
I shall forever dwell—  
Lord, pardon sinners and people,  
And as I bid farewell!

## The Wesleyan Conference of 1861.

Never before in these Lower Colonies, have so many Methodist Preachers been congregated together in one city, as were seen in St. John, N. B., during the last two or three weeks. How soul-stirring the sight of 90 ministers to these Brethren, who can remember when there were not a score within the bounds of this Conference, where 120 are now boasting sinners to be reconciled to God. An aged Methodist Minister must feel on their fraternal feelings, as we jumon cannot feel. No human being to me is worthy of more respect and attention, that a Methodist Preacher worn out in the blessed toil of preaching the Gospel. Let us be careful how we treat our Superannuates.—In this respect it is probable that Methodism will compare favourably with any branch of the Christian Church. Several of these brethren were present, whose names are like household words, in many parts of these Provinces. The name of J. B. Strong is yet retained in the annals of the eminent sons of Methodism here. George Miller and Arthur McNutt are often mentioned in connection with the names of Cape Cod, N. S., to Woodstock, N. B. They are the devotion of Joseph Bent, the activity of William Temple so well forgotten. Equally with

those do our people remember the names of the much and lovely John Marshall, and the useful and energetic Henry Pope. The two last named were not present with us, but we love to cherish their remembrance. Of the recently departed, we might speak abundantly in the fulness of our heart, but we would rather endeavour to copy the example of the laborious and sainted Cromorne, and the high-toned integrity and Christian virtue of Richard Knight, than to place on paper eulogistic remarks on their character. Many whitened looks in the Conference infinite that the number of Supernumeraries will soon be increased, and the care of the Church fall upon those who are in the prime of life. God grant that in piety and meekness we may be equal to our fathers so rapidly passing away.

Never since we had a Conference in these Provinces, have I witnessed more hearty greetings than on this occasion. Shaking hands was evidently more than a mere formality. It was presence of the right kind—a smile meeting the eye, and overflowing love, which I believe is the impress of the Conference.

Our key friends in the City seemed to vie with each other in their manifestations of attention and love to the Brethren. Truly, it has been an excellent Conference; Divine and gracious influences evidently rested upon us both in meetings for business and in the public exercises of devotion. Most of the sermons preached were of a higher order than usual, what I mean is there was more godly simplicity, and old fashioned Methodist preaching than we have heard at Conference Meetings. This was especially the case with the elder Brother; particularly our beloved President. In hearing him talk I was reminded of Paul's words. And I brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech; and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power."

As an "Overseer of the Church of God"—He possesses peculiar qualifications. A better man could not be in the Presidential Chair we neither expect or desire. In administrative ability he is not at all inferior to our Pres. President the late Dr. Beecham. If in future years, one from England should be desired, we shall not long hesitate in making the selection, by request. However we expect, with the consent of our Fathers and Brothers at home, to select yearly among ourselves, one capable of guiding aright that complex machinery of Methodism. No man is fit for that position, who has not a good head; but my friend Henry Havelock found it otherwise, and I think it was in 1854 that I was quartered at a place called Kurnool, in the North-West Province of Upper India, when Lieut. Henry Havelock, an English Officer, was captured by the rebels, afterwards Sir Robert, Hale, who was killed at the battle of Madhi, in words like these: "Colonel, we have tried taking the good stripe from a man's arm—we have tried everything that we could do to get him from us; we have tried every means, every effort to lose him, and we have lost him; we have tried all these things full; let us try something else; let us try a united effort of moral counsel, and let us begin by being totalitaires ourselves!" (Laughter). God blessed those simple words, and God blessed that simple effort, and Lieut. Henry Havelock was enabled by the assistance of his commanding officer to escape, and get away to Colombo, and the day after he got away he wrote to me from the coast of Ceylon, "Colombo, we have tried the Congo-house, we have tried taking the good stripe from a man's arm—but we have tried everything that we could do to get him from us; we have tried every means, every effort to lose him, and we have lost him; we have tried all these things full; let us try something else; let us try a united effort of moral counsel, and let us begin by being totalitaires ourselves!" (Laughter).

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