

the desirability of Christian men recognizing their responsibility in relation to the matter of smoking. Let them do all they can by example as well as precept to counteract the evil."—A. A. READE.

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THE PRESIDENT ELECT.

The choice of the General Conference in its presiding officer will, we are sure, give the greatest satisfaction throughout the entire Methodism of the Dominion. Upon no member of that body could this honor more deservedly fall.

THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

We are already experiencing the advantages of the newly-consummated Methodist Union, in the wider range of men and greater variety of talent from which the Church may select those upon whom she will confer important office and from which she will expect valuable service.

THE DUTY OF PRAYER TO GOD IN BEHALF OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

It is a subject of gratitude, that a project which at first was scouted as visionary, if not undesirable, has by the good hand of our God upon us, so far progressed and matured that prejudices have been allayed, confidence begotten, and concessions made, to such an extent, that the several older branches of Wesleyan Methodism in the Provinces of the Dominion have agreed to an organic union in one General Conference.

PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Precisely at 2 o'clock, the Chairman of the morning session, Hon. Judge Wilmot, took the Chair and announced the 485th Hymn, which was sung, and the Rev. D. Savage led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed. Rev. J. A. WILLIAMS called for the exact number of the delegates to be announced so that it could be known whether there was a majority present or not. The list of delegates was not complete, so that it was not easy to answer the question definitely; but it was agreed that there was a sufficient number present to make all the decisions that might be arrived at, legal, and therefore on the motion of Rev. I. B. Howard, the Conference proceeded to ballot for the President.

While the ballots were being distributed it was clear that there was no small amount of anxiety as to who should be the successful Candidate. At the first ballot, the numbers stood thus, Dr. Ryerson, 63; Dr. Rice, 48; Dr. Douglas, 40; Dr. Wood, 6. A few others scattering, with those, made the total number of votes cast to be 160; 81 votes were requisite for an election, and as no candidate had received this number, the work of balloting was again gone through.

been anticipated, for the unwelcome announcement was made, "no election." Rev. I. B. Howard suggested that some nominations for Secretary should be made, as many in the Conference were entire strangers to each other, and consequently did not know who were the most competent for the office now to be filled.

Mr. Currie was repeatedly greeted with cries of "question, question, no election speeches, &c." The Chair ruled that the election of Secretary must be proceeded with, which was done, when it was found that the vote stood thus: A. Sutherland, 32; Dr. Pickard, 21; W. Scott, 6; D. D. Currie, 75. There were a few others whose names we did not catch, but 157 votes were cast, consequently 79 votes were required to secure an election, and, as the highest number did not reach this, the proclamation, "no election," was again announced.

Again the ballot papers were distributed and again they were counted, when it was ascertained to the joy of the whole Conference that the election was at last successful, for Rev. D. D. Currie had received 127 votes, leaving only 25 votes for the other candidates. Mr. Currie was therefore declared to be duly elected, and accordingly took his place on the platform on the left hand of the President.

On motion of the Rev. A. SUTHERLAND, the Secretary of the Conference nominated the following as his co-workers in the Secretariat: Rev. W. Scott and B. Hopkins, Esq., Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. J. Bredin, Journal Secretary. The Conference approved the nomination.

Dr. PICKARD then read the list of Committees that he supposed would be absolutely necessary in order to expedite business; he did not however suppose that these would be all that would be required, but he would name the following for the present: Discipline, Itinerary, Publishing Interests, Missions, Education.

felt, that they may be one throughout the world. He, the President, was sure that all now before him were desirous to hold their principles inviolate, and he did hope and pray that they might be guided by wisdom from above, so that all their conclusions would tend to a wise issue.

Dr. PICKARD was about to introduce a resolution for the election of standing committees, but Rev. J. Gray, rose to a point of order, which was that the Secretary had not yet addressed the Conference. As it was thought he should do so, the Secretary rose and thanked the Conference for the honor they had conferred upon him, at the same time he was sorry, for of late he had been working very hard, and needed some recreation.

On motion of Rev. W. H. POOLE, the hours of meeting and adjournment were appointed to meet at 9 a.m., and adjourn at 12 noon. Dr. Rice intimated that some of the lay members elected from the Montreal Conference were not present in consequence of affliction, he wanted the President to rule that the laymen now present from that Conference might be permitted to elect some others as alternates.

Rev. I. B. HOWARD seconded the motion and expressed the hope that all the members of the General Conference would be appointed to one or more committees, and also, that there should be a large nominating committee.

Rev. G. H. DAVIS moved a resolution (which was ultimately adopted), to the effect that a committee consisting of Hon. Judge Wilmot, Hon. Mr. Shannon, Judge Deacon, J. Macdonald, Esq., Revs. Dr. Pickard, G. R. Sanderson, and the mover, be appointed to draft rules for the government of Conference. The motion was carried by acclamation. The Committee to report at the next session.

Dr. GRAY and Rev. Mr. SANDERSON thought that it had been decided by the Committee who drafted the constitution for this Con-