

which Dr. PICKARD, Judge DEACON Rev. JAMES GRAY, Dr. RICE and others took part. The CHAIRMANS hereupon, in a playful speech, remarked that he thought they were hypercritical in anticipating the difficulties to which reference had been made. They were not a set of sharpers but a company of Christian gentlemen. There was no fear of any unauthorised person thrusting himself upon their deliberations. If any one did so he would be detected at once. Every man there was a moral policeman. He recommended the utmost liberality of interpretation of the constitution consistent with the legal organization of the Conference.

It was finally agreed that the Secretary read from the Minutes of the old Wesleyan Conference the names of the delegates appointed to this Conference, and the Revs. D. SAWAGE, J. McMURRAY, H. POPE, JUNR., and G. S. MILLIGAN, M.A., Presidents respectively of the New Connexion, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland Conferences, read the names of the delegates from these bodies.

The Rev. Dr. RICE moved that these persons whose names are now read be the accepted Delegates and constitute the Conference.

Dr. GREEN moved that the Roll be called and that the members respond to their names.

The names were then called, and a very large majority of the members found to be present.

After singing part of a hymn, Dr. DOUGLAS engaged in prayer, and the Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

The first order of the day in the afternoon session being the election of officers, our hour of going to press prevents our giving a report of the afternoon's proceedings, which will be given in full in to-morrow's issue.

WELCOME MEETING TO DELEGATES.

We have pleasure in announcing that a public tea-meeting, for extending a hearty welcome to the delegates to the General Conference, will be held in the Metropolitan Church, on Friday evening, the 18th inst. Addresses of welcome will be given by Dr. RYERSON, as representing the clerical element; and by John Macdonald, Esq., and R. WILKES, Esq., as Toronto laymen. Replies will be given by prominent members of the Conference. This occasion promises to be one of great interest, as giving an opportunity of meeting the Conference socially. Tickets, fifty cents, for sale at the Wesleyan Book Room, H. E. Clarke, McDonough and James, King Street; and J. Rowland, Yonge Street. Tea served from 5 to 8 o'clock.

LITERARY NOTICES.

CASE AND HIS COTEMPORARIES, OR, THE CANADIAN ITINERANTS' MEMORIAL. By Rev. John Carroll. 4 vols., 12mo. (Price \$3.00.) Usual discount to ministers. Published at the Wesleyan Book Room.

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Correspondence.

DOMINION WESLEYAN CHURCH, OTTAWA.

To the Editor of the "Recorder."

DEAR SIR,—Since the city of Ottawa became the capital of the Dominion, the increase in its population shows a larger percentage than that of any other city in Canada. It has now a population of some 30,000, and it is said that 700 new houses have been erected during the present year. Building lots are considerably higher than in Toronto; and yet, as fast as they are put into the market, they are eagerly sought for and purchased.

In this important and rapidly increasing city, Methodism is very imperfectly provided with church accommodation; and is not at all represented in the character of her church edifices. For many years, the old Metcalfe street Church was the largest ecclesiastical Protestant building in the city; but with praise-worthy energy and liberality our Presbyterian and Episcopalian friends have quite outstripped us, by the erection of churches, at once a credit to them, and an ornament to the city. A year ago last June, the work in Ottawa was divided into three Circuits, Centre, East, and West. The East Circuit now shows one of the finest Lecture-rooms (cost \$12,000) in the land, and a church in process of erection in the West.

But in Centre town, the principal part of the city, graced by beautiful and commodious churches belonging to other denominations, we greatly need a representative church. The difficulty is, that while our congregation is large, and our people wealthy, they are not (with but few exceptions) liberal. And, therefore, while it is in our power to build a church sufficient to accommodate the congregation, we hesitate at the expense necessary to erect such a building as we conceive the Dominion should have at the metropolis of the Dominion. We have purchased, and made the first payment on a beautiful site, consisting of a corner lot, 173 feet by 198 feet, at a cost of \$10,250.

Plans and specifications have been prepared, and tenders received, but if we build according to these, the sum of \$70,000 will be required, and this, I am sorry to say, is beyond our ability. The question with our Trustees at present is, "Shall we reduce the size and style of the building, or appeal to the Connexion for assistance?" We are very reluctant to adopt the latter plan, knowing as we do, that local interests press heavily upon all our circuits. And yet, I am persuaded, that any one looking at the matter from a broad connexional standpoint, must see that if our church is to secure and maintain a position here, we must have an edifice worthy of the denomination. I am glad, therefore, of the opportunity to place the matter before your readers, who, I am sure, are equally interested in it with ourselves. If we can obtain outside assistance to the extent of \$15,000, or \$20,000, we can build according to the plans; if not, we must reduce them.

The question may possibly be brought before the General Conference, and the judgment of that important and influential body solicited in the case.

Yours truly, W. J. HUNTER, Ottawa, Sept. 16th 1874.

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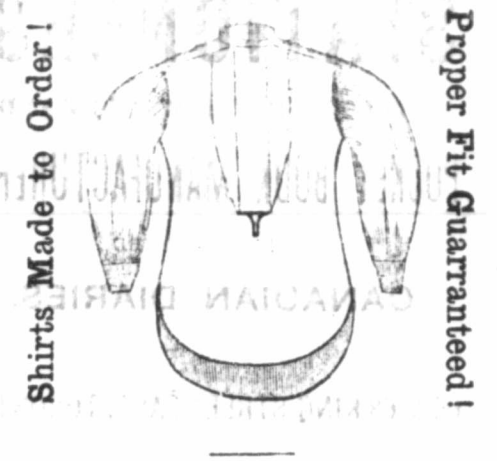
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