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TO OUR AGENTS !!

Another year is about to begin. We desire to have a word with you a bout your Conference paper. Whatever efforts may be put forth by the publisher and editor will be in vain without the earnest efforts of the pastor. You, as such, go in and out among our people, and a few words from your lips would easily double or treble the circulation of our connexional paper.

The weekly visits of the WESLEYAN will tell in our families by an increasing interest in our Church affairs. A week thoroughly intelligent membership.

cannot be trained without the aid of Methodist periodicals in every household. In this respect we are not making the effort that other churches are

putting forth, and the result must soon be obvious. A list of the subscribers on some circuits would lead our readers to ask "What do our people read ? How do they know what our Church is doing ?" Certainly no local preacher, no Sundayschool officer or class-leader can intelligently serve the church while ignorant of her plans and purposes. And yet some such will never know that we have written thus unless the pastor or a subscriber may tell them To encourage agents in a thorough canvass the publisher of the WESLEY-AN will send to any old or new subscriber for \$2.30, cash, the paper from the present date till Dec. 31st, 1883, with any one of the following books—Nestleton Magna, by J. Jackson Wray ; Paul Meggitt's Delu-

sion, by the same author; or the small Centenary volume, recently published at our office. Send address at once. The publisher can only send premiums when

cash is torwarded. Apart from premiums the price will be \$2.00 from this date to Dec. 1883. -

superintendents, to hold office for rather than that of the heart, have been led into a most questionable poeight years, provided however that in sition before the public. Had all the case of the selection of two, one shall go out of office at the end of the first circumstances of the case been known by them in time, they too might have four years to allow one new man to saved themselves from a position come into office at each General Conwhich others narrowly escaped. We ference. The General Superintenthink, however, that it is due to the dents are to share with the Presidents Church, to the world-which will fasof the Annual Conferences the duty of presiding over these bodies. This ten on this spot as a fly on a sore, and to themselves, to state facts which, decision was carried by an overwhelmconversation with others leads us to ng vote, after which the doxology was neartily sung, and congratulations believe, would place the matter in a were freely passed. The resolution different light. The lesson may, in of the Rev. E. A. Stafford, thus adop- the meantime, prove a warning to ted, provides that the General Superothers. intendent (when present) shall open

the Annual Conference, and preside The death, on the 3rd inst., of Archthe first day, and alternately on subibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of sequent days. The full report of Canterbury and Primate of all Engthe sub-committee on the General land, is heard with regret by all sec-Superintendency will appear next tions of the Christian world. The deceased prelate was a Scotchman,

Tait was appointed his successor.

Who will now be advanced to the

vacant post is a matter of speculation.

It is to be hoped that Archbishop Tait's

successor will be his equal in breadth

of mind, in clearness of evangelical

sentiment, and in devotion to his

work. A worthy successor will secure

the respect which the deceased Pri-

mate had won from various sections

of the Church. Rumor points in the

direction of the present Bishop of

The new departure at Mount Alli-

son is attracting attention. Professor

Goodwin's practical, popular and yet

thoroughly scientific lectures on Agri-

culture are a step in a new direction.

We understand that over a hundred

farmers are connected with his class.

The teacher will get inspiration and

strength from this effort ; the listeners

will ge forth from the class-room to

estimate more highly the work of their

lives and to feel that there is some-

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work that once seemed drudgery. We

have said nothing of the profit. These

lectures are being delivered on Wed-

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The loss of the Cedar Grove, so near

and received his earlier education in We have not yet learned the arhis native land. At Oxford he was rangements proposed with a view to one of the early opponents of the the adjustment of the financial respon-Tractarian movement. On the death sibilities and departments of each of Archbishop Longley in 1868, Dr.

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SIR WILLIAM M'ARTHUR.

section represented.

The Queen has been pleased to a ppoint William M'Arthur, Esq., alderman and M. P., a Knight Commander of the "Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George." William as a public man has become well known in Britain and the Australian colonies, and his career as Christian worker and the son of a Methodist minister has always been what might have been expected. Ever ready to co-operate with all branches of the Church in Christian work, he has invariably stood true to the Church of his fathers, and his liberality in support of her efforts has often been acknowledged. The London Times has this in reference to the ap-

Sir William M'Arthur, whose elevation to the dignity of a K. C. M. G., we announced on Saturday, has for many years taken an active part in the discussion of colonial questions. He has repeatedly brought before the House of Commons subjects affecting the interests of our colonies in Australasia, Ceylon, and Southern and Western Africa, he also took a lead-

ing and successful part in promoting the annexation of Fiji to the British Empire. When he visited the Australian colonies about four years ago he met with a flattering public reception, and banquets, attended by

were given in his honor.

pointment :

METHODIST UNION.

The joint committee of the Methodist Churches in Canada met in the Primitive Methodist school-room, Carlton-street, Toronto, on the 28th ult. There was a large representation from all the Churches. Rev. J. C. Antliff announced the hymn, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing," and read John xvii., and Rev. Dr. Rice engaged in praver.

After some discussion as to the question of the standing of the Comnittee, Rev. J. C. Antliff was continued in the chair during the calling of could anyone represent the views of the roll.

The following are the members of the Joint Committee

Methodist Church of Canada-Rev. Dr. Rice, President ; Revs. Dr. Suthcould not be received at this stage. erland, Dr. Nelles, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Douglas. Dr. Stewart, W. Briggs, S. F. Huestis, Dr. Dewart, T. W. Smith. Dr. Sanderson, Dr. Pickard, James Gray, John Shaw, J. G. Laird, Dr. matters of detail could be referred to Hunter, Dr. Harper, Wm. Williams, Dr. Williams, Dr. Ryckman, E. A. Stafford, George McRitchie, A. Lang- tendent was a general principle, and ford. W. C. Brown, Dr. McMurray, it would be best to see if they could Wm. Hansford, J. A. Rogers, and R. Duncan; Hon. S. L. Shannon, Judge Jones, Hon. Senator Ferrier, Dr. Allison. Dr. Inch, Messrs. John Macdonald, T. H. Wilmot, D. McLean, W. Kennedy, Joseph Lister, A. F. Fisher, W. E. Sandford, W. H. Lambly, W. F. Hall, J. E. Irvine, and John Pal-

Methodist Episcopal Church-Revs. Bishop Carman, Dr. Gardiner, Dr. Stone, Dr. Aylesworth, George Abbs, Jas. Curts, F. B. Stratton, Dr. Chisholm, W. H. Graham, W. Perritte, S. Williamson, Messrs. E. S. Whipple, D. Graham, E. Hegler, W. Bow, J. Milne, C. R. Milloy, and S. Cummer. Primitive Methodist Church-Revs. W. Bee, R. Boyle, H. Harris, J. Milner. J. C. Antliff. and T. Griffith: Messrs. R. J. Walker, M. M. Elliot. J. Green, E. Crompton, T. M. Ed. mondson; Rev. John Goodman, President of the Conference ; W. Tribe-cock, Vice-President. R. Paul, Secretary.

Bible Christian Church-Revs. J . Rice, W. S. Pascoe, E. Roberts, J. Kenner, G. Webber, T. Curtis, H. J. Nott ; Messrs. J. Hull, T. Cornfice, W. Windatt, J. Clarke.

Rev. Dr. Rice moved that Bishop Carman be chairman of the Commit-This was carried unanimously, and the Bishop in his speech recited the many things they had in common and urged on the Committee a fraternal and kindly spirit in dealing with the questions.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland was elected permanent secretary ; Rev. J. C. Antliff, recording secretary; Rev. Dr. Rice, associate chairman; and Rev. J. H. Nott, assistant secretary.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved " That as committees representing the various branches of the Methodist Church

discussed fully it might happen that who could report on what they there would be no need for the comthought the duties and powers of the mittee. So far from any man know-General Superintendent ought to be, ing or expressing the views of the Judge Jones favored having the Church on any point, he was sure that subject first considered by this Comnone knew the opinion of the Wesmittee. tern part of the Methodist Church of Dr. Allison could see no reason Canada. There was a very strong minority on one part of the resolu-

why they should hand over the genesis of a most important part of the tion which had been read as embody-Church to a sub committee. There ing the views of the Church. This was nothing to be gained by handing resolution was only passed by a mait over to a sub-committee. He could jority of six or seven votes, so that uite understand that the Chairman even the General Conference was far would like to see the new Church with from being unanimous. How, then, doctrine and discipline like the Meth odist Episcopal Church. For his part the General Conference ? he would like to see it with a consti-Rev. Dr. Milner moved that there tution like that which they had before be an equal representation of laymen they had done the little "tinkering" in the Annual Conferences ? The at Hamilton, and so with the dele Chairman decided that his motion

disgrace to them that they had these Rev. Mr. Sutherland said it seemed preferences. that the general principles would have Mr. John Macdonald said that in view of the fact that one body had a general superintendent with a life tenure of office, another had one elected for four years, and two churches had no such officer at all, no one could come before the Committee and insist upon his own views. There must be concessions if a basis of union were to

be arrived at, and he hoped that this would be done. Mr. McLean's motion was put and

carried

The meeting then adjourned till the committees could be appointed by the delegates of the various churches, The following were elected to serve on the various committees :

General Superintendency-Revs. Dr. Stone and Dr. Gardiner, Mr. Bowe, Rev. Dr. Rice, Mr. John Macdonald. Revs. Dr. Williams and Dr. Sutherland, Rev. W. S. Pascoe, Mr. W. Windatt, Rev. J. Milner, Mr. M. M. Elliot.

Lay Delegation-Revs. W. Perritte and G. Abbs, Mr. Graham, Judge Jones, Revs. Wm. Williams and Dr. Dewart, Rev. R. Duncan, Revs. G. Webber, H. J. Nott, H. Harris, and Mr. J. Wilson.

Publishing Interests - Revs. Dr. Stone and J. B. Aylesworth, Mr. C. R. Mallory, Revs. W. Briggs and S. F. Huestis, Mr. J. E. Irvine, Revs. Dr. Harper and W. Bee, Mr. E. B. Crompton, Rev. H. J. Nott, and Mr. T. Courtice.

Annual Conferences-Revs. W. Perritte, F. B. Stratton, F. Chisholm, and E. A. Stafford, Mr. D. McLean, Revs. A. Langford, J. A. Rogers and R. Boyle, Mr. J. Green, Revs. W. S. Pascoe and Mr. J. Clarke.

Educational Interests-Revs. Bishop Carman, and J. Curtis, Mr. E. Hegler, Revs. Dr. Stewart, Dr. Nelles and Dr. Burwash, Hon. J. Ferrier Rev. J. C. Antliff, Mr. W. Trebilcock, Revs. J. J. Rice and J. Kenner.

Chnrch Funds-Revs. J. S. Williamson and E. Loundesbury, Mr. J. Ine, Revs. Dr. Sanderson and Jas Gray, Mr Jos. Lister, Revs. Dr. Pickard and Thos Griffith, Mr. S. M. Edmindston, Revs. E. Roberts and J Kenner Chnrch Property-Revs. W. H. Graham, Mr. S. Cummer, Mr. E. S. Whipple, Mr. W. H. Lambly, Revs. J. G. Laird, and W. C. Brown, Mr. A. S. Fisher, Revs. J. J. Rice, Mr. Hull, Mr. R. J. Walker, and Rev. John Goodman.

to be settled in full committee, and special committees to be appointed. The question of a General Superinreach acceptable ground before they referred it to a committee. Rev. F. Chisholm moved that the discipline of the Methodist Church of Canada on church government be taken and considered item by item. Rev. W. Perritte said people might get a wrong impression if they took any discipline as the basis. He knew there had been wrong impressions from a similar action on the part of

the Hamilton Joint Committee. Rev. Dr. Nelles agreed with the last speaker. They would get on more satisfactorily if they took up some points as indicated by the Rev. Dr. Sutherland

Rev. E. A. Stafford suggested that the motion by Rev. F. Chisholm should be so altered as to allow the subject of church government to be considered in connection with the disciplines of the other churches as well as that of the Methodist Church of Canada.

After a considerable discussion a motion by Rev. Dr. Gardiner, that the Committee take up the question of the General Conference, was adopt-

Rev. E. A. Stafford moved that the General Conference consist of an equal number of ministers and laymen. Carried

A long discussion now ensued on the question of the General Superintendency, but ultimately a motion was made by Rev. Dr. Stone "that the President who may be chosen by the General Conference shall be elected from the ministerial members, and shall be an itinerant superintendent, his functions and duties to be hereaf ter defined.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved that

Stationing Committee. There being

no seconder this motion fell through.

Mr. D. McLean moved that the

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Rev. Dr. Aylesworth moved to dis-

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Rev. F. Chisholm moved that the

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Rev. A. Langford objected to this

Rev. Dr. Sutherland contended

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Mr. Wilmot said there might be many cases when after a long discusher destination, is a sad event. The | we unite in heartfelt thanks to Al- sion they might not be in a position to take a vote. He therefore that there be six committees, of eleven members each, one each on General Superintendency, Lay Delegation, Publishing Interests. Educational Interests, Church funds, and Church property. The committee to be comoosed of four members of the Methodist Church of Canada, three of the Methodist Episcopal Church, two of the Primitive Methodist, and two of the Bible Christian Church. Carried. Rev. Dr. Gardiner moved that a simi-

gates of the other churches. It was no APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

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METHODIST UNION.

To the diappointment, perhaps, of some of our correspondents, we lay aside several communications, editorials and notices in order to give all possible space to the reports of the Union Committee. Having received no official reports we avail ourselves this week to a large extent of those afforded by the columns of the Toronto Globe.

The Methodists in council seem to have conducted their somewhat delicate negociations with all the tact and etv. a director of the City Bank, the Bank of Australasia, and of the Ausjudgment which was to be expected tralian Telegraph Company ; also a from the ministers and laymen to Fellow of the Royal Geographical Sowhom the Church intrusted such imciety. portant duties. Two leading points demanded special consideration-the representation of the laity in the Annual Conferences, and the mode of government for the United Church. Serious difficulties lay in the way of general accord on these questions-on the latter in particular. Behind all difficulties, however, was a strong -public sentiment in favor of union. which would have placed in no favorable light any section of Methodism stores. He says : which should have allowed trifling hindrances to prevent a consummation so much desired. We admit that we looked forward to this meeting, which it was not the privilege of the writer ment within fifty miles of this place, to attend, with some tears lest fond-

ness for episcopacy would prevent our Methodist Episcopal brethren from meeting us at the advanced point at which they have now concluded to halt.

According to the basis of Union soon to be submitted to the various Quarterly Boards and Annual Conferences, lay-July. men are to be admitted to the Annual Conferences in equal numbers with the ministers, though they are not to have a place on the Stationing Committee or take part in matters directly affecting ministerial functions and character. The acceptance of this arrangement called for some concession on the part of the Primitive Me-

thodists and Bible Christians, in whose Union. It was thought wiser to know something more of the matter before Conferences laymen have taken a more prominent part and in larger speaking at any length. No doubt an numbers. In the question of Church investigation will be deemed neces-

government the greatest degree of sary, and no persons, we are justified excitement centred. The basis finally | in saying, will desire this more than adopted recommends one or more those who, by an error of the head 141 Granville Street.

the leaders of various political parties, death of her veteran captain, and of While the single lady passenger, as well as held the office of Lord Mayor he gave that of the engineers caused sadness a banquet to a large number of representatives of the colonies who were here as well as in St. John. We rethen in England. It will be rememgret this misfortune at the outset of bered that the Prince of Wales was the New Brunswick Steamship Co's present on the occasion and made a operations, but have no doubt that speech which excited great enthusiasm throughout the Empire. At the St. John merchants, with their the conclusion of Sir William M'Ar. well known enterprise and perseverthur's Mayoralty he was presented ance. will surmount this as they have by a large and influential body of colgreater difficulties. Our thorough onists with a superb epergne in recogsympathy with this enterprise from its nition of his services to the colonies. Sir Wm. M'Arthur, is M. P. for Lamfirst inception will lead us to watch beth, a J. P., for Surrey, a Deputy-Lieutenant for the city of London. chairman of the Star Assurance Soci-

future action with interest, and to hope for them the great success which has not seldom attended enterprises begun under equally unfortunate auspices.

The Chicago Signal has the following:

- " A woman variously named, calling A note from Rev. Henry Hatcher, herself now Mrs. Kent Mason-again dated Red Bay, Labrador, Oct. 11th, Miss Bowers-Clayton and other cogwill give our readers an idea of the nomens, has been in Indiana, Missousolation of his mission. Mr. Hatcher has been visiting many of the places ri and Illinois lately, claiming to be sent out as an accredited lecturer of on the coast in the mission boat the National Woman's Christian Tem-'Evangelist," and preaching the Gosperance Union. So far as this claim pel to the fishermen from Newfoundis concerned, she is an unmitigated and and other places. The services have been held in dwellings and fraud, and can scarcely be less than this in other regards. since truth is

evidently left out of her composition. "Now eight months isolation is before us. Must we be all that time Our societies are hereby warned without the WESLEYAN? There is a against her." mail sent by the Canadian Govern-

Dr. W. P. Harrison, Book-editor and if you would do up all the papers of the M. E. Church, South, says :from this date to the second week in January in one parcel and then send We think every Christian man them overland to us we should get a ought to read Wesley's Sermons, at feast of fat things about April. All least one volume of them, every year. the other papers from January on-The Bible and these books ought not wards of course will come to St. John's and then be in the post-office to be separated, for the pen of man until the winter is over and gone, has never interpreted the grace of and the steamer again visits the coast, God in Christ Jesus with such singuwhich will be about the beginning of lar felicity as we find it in these immortal volumes."

Our silence last week on the reported connection of several ministers The delegates from this city to the with a certain lottery must not be Union Committee, Rev. S. F. Huestis misunderstood. Our lips are not and Dr. Allison, are expected home locked by any past or present conto-morrow (Thursday). Final arrannection with any such chance arrangegements, of a financial character we ment, even in the form of an Artthan was expected.

> Persons wanting Christmas cards. books, or fancy articles for Christmas gifts, should visit our Book Room.

mighty God for that spirit of mutual appreciation and increase of brotherlove which has culminated in the widely expressed desire for the union of the Methodist bodies in this Dominion, and recognizing the vast imortance of the movement, its proba ble bearing on the spread of the Master's Kingdom in this and in other lands, as well as the gravity of the questions to be considered in our enleavor to reach a satisfactory basis, we nnite in fervent prayer to the Giver of all Good that the spirit of harmony lar committee, as regards members may be eminently present in all our asand appointment, be struck on the semblies, that we may be divinely question of Annual Conferences. This guided by the best means to the best he thought as important as any, as no ends, that the result of our deliberatwo of the Annual Conferences were tions may be "Glory to God in the the same in regard to their composihighest, and on earth peace and good tion and functions. Carried will toward men. there be a similar committee on the

At the suggestion of Judge Jones the minutes of the old Committee were read, and also those previously passed by the several churches.

Dr. Sutherland mentioned several points of special interest and then proposed that they first of all consider the basis of union in regard to church government. Of course they and functions. all knew that this was one of the test uestions.

Mr. John Macdonald said that the kind. There should be an expression iscussion of questions in the whole of opinion. body in their present state would lead to desultory talk, which if they were sent to a committee would be avoid General Superintendent instead of He proposed a committee on the subject of lay representation to the Annual Conferences. Then again, principles of lay representation be rethere was the General Superintenden cognized in all church courts of the cy and the superannuated ministers relations. He concluded by moving that this was not an amendment. that committees be appointed on lay representation and the General Su perintendency.

Rev. Dr. Dewart wanted more ex ression of opinion, so that the subcommittee might have some idea o the feeling of the Committee.

Rev. J. C. Antliff moved that as Annual Conferences and thus dispense with the election of a President ? His they were a unit in doctrine and opinion was that he should not, but usages they accept the rules and doctrines in the discipline (1879) of the he desired to hear something more ex-Methodist Church of Canada to page plicit. 33, as the doctrinal basis of the unit adoption of the motion leaving the ed Church. This, after some discussion, was carried. matter of the General Superintendent to the committee would facilitate

Rev. Dr. Sutherland moved that matters greatly. Conclusions would the government of the Church be the next subject.

Mr. John Macdonald moved to ap point committees for the considera-COULTER tion of two subjects-first, lay representation in the Church courts, and that there were none who knew anypresume, have occupied more time next the General Superintendency. thing as to what the duties and pow-All the bodies represented had exers of the General Superintendent pressed themselves on the subjects, would be. They all doubtless had and the members came possessed and individual opinions. and he thought seized of these views. there would be a decided gain in con-

Kev. Dr. Willliams did not think sidering the subject in full committhat they could accomplish much by tee. the appointment of committees at the

Rev. James Gray was in favor of present time. If the matter could be relegating the matter to a committee SECOND DAY-WEDNESDAY.

The various committees reported organization with the names of Chairmen and Secretaries.

Rev. James Gray moved for a committee for the readjustment of the work and to draw up propositions for the disposal of the surplus men.

Rev. Dr. Rice said the proposal. came too soon. Even if union were agreed on here, it would have to go. before all the quarterly boards. Mr. Gray said this was one of the difficulties many in favour of union

feared, and they should take steps to. ascertain if there were really serious. embarrassment likely to arise from such a source.

Rev. Dr. Stone said it was a question of the same nature as the others. on which committees had been struck. What can be done with the surplusmen? whether there will be a surplus ? how many ? where they will be ?" and whether these questions would of themselves prove a barrier strong enough to wreck the union ? were sufficient grounds for enquiry at the present time. The motion was carri-

Rev. Dr. Stone moved for a committee of eleven, appointed as the Rev. Mr. Milner asked if the General Superintendent would interpret others, to consider district superinlaw in the Annual Conferences? There tendency.

Rev. Dr. Rice-Well, or the chairwere many of the Committee who did men of districts and the presiding not know much about a General Superintendent. Would he sit in the eldership. (Laughter.)

Rev. Wm. Perritte said there seemed to be great unwillingness to touch the main question.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland said a committee of the kind proposed would be required before they got through. The committee appointed by his Church had been sent here to prepare a basis. of union. Whether there would be union was not for them to decide. They had to prepare a basis of union and they might as we'l assume from the start that this was their work. Rev. J. Kenner proposed that the

subject be relegated to the committeeon General Superintendency.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland proposed that it go to the committee on Annual Conferences.

Rev. Dr. Rice said that there weremen not in those sub-committees, who could give more time to the subject and look at it in a better light.

The motion by Dr. Stone prevailed. Rev. H. J. Nott moved that there