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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

We transfer from the columns of the Guardian the following paragraphs, as giving an admirable expression of the general effect produced on the philosophical mind of the editor, by the Conference :-

longer in session than was at first expected. The amount of work to be dene was simply enormous. A complete review and reorganization of the educational, missionary, and publishing interests of the church, and the independent bodies, have entailed a great confirmed. deal of discussion and examination in the Committees to which this work has been en orderly and strong in all its parts.

ations, yet the majority felt that it would Newfoundland. would have been a grave mistake to incorthat it was known would be changed before cheering. long. Now our brethren of the minor Meth. The SECRETARY of the Conference said that

have actively participated in all the business said volumes as they may deem best. transacted. Some of the ministers may feel constitution of the Educational Society, first time to come.

King Street, Hamilton, was occupied of Sab- urers for their respective Conferences :bath morning by the Rev. J. Hart, of Sack-Montreal, G. McRitchie; New Brunswick, ville, N. B., who, from Deut. xxxiv. 5, in Dr. Pickard; Nova Scotia, J. Lathern; Newan eloquent and instructive discourse, pre- laymen for the above Conferences respecsented the dying Saintsreview of the conflict, tively: J. Patton, W. E. Sanford, W. Clenthe labor, and the recompense of a godly life. denning, A. Stockton, J. B. Morrow, and port of the Superanuation Fund, as follows, In the evening, the Rev. H. Mc Keown, of Professore. Fredricton N. B., preached from Isaiah xxviii. The Professors of theology to be appointed 16, a clear and impressive sermon, showing by the General Conference on the recommendation of the Board. Christ as the corner stone of Christain hope R. WILKES, Esq., M.P., desired to have a and salvation. The sermon was listened to class of cheap educational institutions. He and comfort. with marked attention.

The contrast between the past and present of our City, is strikingly shown in the dif- activity of the Romish Church on this quesference between the new spire of the Anglican Cathedral, and the old one of St. had yet done. It is stated on unquestionable Andrews Church, on the opposite side of authority that at the present time there are the street. The latter at the time of its not less than 1,000 Protestant young women erection, was considered a remarkable archi. Quebec, and surely this ought not to be. tectural achievement. It is now completely He was of opinion that there were some noble bedwarfed by its more stately and aspiring devote themselves to this noble work of

ERRATUM .- In the very brief notice of the Rev. A. Nicolson, editor of the Provincial Wesleyan and Steward of the publishing establishment of the late Eastern British American Conference, at Halifax, the designation "Rev." was inadvertently omitted. In consequence of the pressure on our space and the nearly approaching close of the Conference, the recent sketches have had to be very greatly condensed. Hence, many brethren whose representative position entitled them to fuller notice can only have a paragraph allotted to them

REV. JAMES GRAY---ERRATA.---It seems we have made several mistakes in our sketch of this gentleman.-(1) He was converted in his 17th, not "14th year." (2) He was one year and a-half at Cobourg. (3) He has been in the ministry 29 years, instead of "27." (4) His circuits have been not be wise to take it up again; the Conference of the design and they have ence therefore resolved that the motion thought to be wrongly designated, they have included several towns. He was once Secretary of the old Conference, and is now Secretary of the Toronto Conference.

The Editor of the RECORDER considers himself personally responsible only for sentiments editorially uttered. Opinions have appeared over the proper signatures of their writers, from which be differs toto coelo: but he did not consider it courteous to the writers nor consistent with those grand principles of liberty of speech and pen of which we make our boast, to suppress them.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FIRST CENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference has continued UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA

FOURTEENTH DAY.

The session commenced at two o'clock, 504th hymn was sung, 99th Psalm was read by the Secretary, and the Rev. E. B. Harper complete adjustment of the different con- led the Conference in prayer. The Minutes nexional funds affected by the union of three of the session of last night were read and

Judge WILMOT, on behalf the Committee appointed to define the duties of the Presit of the General Conference, reported trusted. We believe that out of the apparent that in addition to what is stated in the 16th temporary confusion, which prevailed at first, a fair and stately structure will be built up, ployed in visiting such portions of the work Quite a lively debate took place over Dr. versary or special services.

to "The Methodist Church of Canada." Dr. President would allow him to travel to any Douglas gave an eloquent speech in favor of great extent among the churches in the Dominion, his visit would be productive of the change, and though many cherished a much good. Mr. Milligan especially remarkstrong attachment to the name "Wesleyan," ing that the people would be delighted to which has so many interesting historic associ- see and hear their beloved President in

The PRESIDENT in acknowledging the vote greatly strengthen the union movement to said, that he would be glad before visiting dispose of what is not required, and equitably adopt the more general name, which was also England if he could visit Nova Scotia, New an improvement in regard to brevity. It Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, and he hoped that the Vice President would be able to accompany him. porate in legal documents a cumbrous name, The recommendation was received with great

odist bodies, who wish to come into this great as it was necessary that the Journal of this Conference and the Book of Discipline should union movement, cannot complain that they be printed with as little delay as possible, he are to be absorbed under a sectional name. wished to know what the mind of the Con-The union of the laymen with the ministers, ference was on that subject. Various in the chief court of the church, has been opinions were given, but the Conference appointed a committee consisting of Revs. very successful. They have sacrificed their D. D. Currie, W. Scott, J. A. Williams and business interests in coming here. And they S. Rose, to arrange for the publication of the

disappointed at having less to do in control- giving the name and then specifying the hing the direction of affairs than formerly; objects of the Society, to be under the care but this is a necessity arising from the wider of one General and Central Board; branches distribution of responsibility. The main to be formed in all the Annual Conferences; thing is that the work be well done, and this holding Educational meetings at all the we believe will be the case under the new appointments in the circuits and missions, order of things. Those among us who were when collections and subscriptions shall be afraid that the introduction of laymen into the Conference would be a signal for revolu- the necessary aid to poor students, make tionary changes in our church economy, were the appropriations to the various colleges, mistaken. The lasty are evidently slower to and appoint the students to the respective their attendance at the General Conference Book of Discipline, and the Education collection in February to be inserted in the will give many of our leading laymen a Annual Conference Minutes in the list of unanimously adopted the report.

The pulpit of the first Methodist Church, Conferences, the ministers to be the treas-

Toronto, Rev. R. Jones; London, Dr. Rice; foundland, G. S. Milligan; with the following C. R. Ayre, Esqs., with the Principals and

He was glad that there were some already in existence, but there were not by any means so many as there ought to be. There needs to be a higher state of education among women in general. He referred to the tion, and thought that it was time for Protestants to bestir themselves more than they women who were well capable and who would elevating their sex. He did not anticipate

Whereas, it is of the greatest importance to our people that uniform superior female education should be afforded to their chilconfidence that shall be reasonably accessible, and that shall be at the lowest possible

It is hereby resolved,-lst. That this Conference in order to realize the above objects, recommends the adoption of some suitable plan which shall include existing institutions, but which shall be sufficiently comprehensive to bring the advantages sought within the reach of the largest possible number of our

2nd. That the above resolution be referred to the early and favorable consideration of the Central Educational Board.

Rev. A. Langford wished to move reconsideration of the part of the discipline which was adopted at a former session, relating to baptism, but it was contended that as there was much time consumed in the discussion of this subject before, it would should lie on the table.

Rev. W. R. PARKER, M.A., read the report of the Committee to adjust the work on those circuits occupied both by the Wesleyan and New Connexion ministers, which was as follows:

Whereas the boundaries of the Wesleyan and New Connexion districts and circuits are not identical, and whereas it is essential that they should be so arranged as to secure the harmonious and efficient working of the united

It is therefore resolved-That towards the close of this Conference year and usual dis- five years. trict meeting for both branches of the Church shall be held to close up the work of the respective Churches, That the boundaries of districts shall be

those defined by the Weslevan Conference of

That there shall be united district meetings meetings of both sections of the Church, which location. hall transact the business defined by the Discipline under the basis of Union.

That each united district meeting, upon assembling, shall elect its chairman ballot.

The united district meeting shall be held at the place at the holding of the Wesleyan tingent or Missionary Funds. district meeting and on the third day of their sessions, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m., and that the Wesleyan Chairman shall notify the New Connexion Chairman of the time and place of such meeting; and moreover the said united district meeting shall arrange the cir. their husbands, and were married after their cuit boundaries for the ensuing year.

In case a circuit should extend into two or more districts, the separate district meetings shall decide to which of the united district meetings such circuit shall send its represen-

as may wish to secure his services for anni- other shall remain financially distinct for the from the body, shall forfeit all his claims on Williams, John Macdonald, Dr. Stewart, present year, nevertheless the superintendents this Society. Quite a lively debate took place over Dr. Revs. Dr. Rice, G. S. Milligan and others, of circuits, together with the chairman of the spoke very favorably of the report, and were those districts interested, shall make such articles and prepare the materials for a new Hymn below will conduce to the spoke very favorably of the report, and were those districts interested, shall make such articles and prepare the materials for a new Hymn Book, to be submitted on the opening of the conduce to the spoke very favorably of the report, and were those districts interested, shall make such articles and prepare the materials for a new Hymn Book, to be submitted on the opening of the conduce to the spoke very favorably of the report, and were those districts interested, shall make such articles and prepare the materials for a new Hymn Book, to be submitted on the opening of the conduction. the best interests of the work.

Inasmuch as there are, upon Wesleyan and New Connexion circuits occupying the same dist Church of Canada, and inasmuch as it is important to select the property most eligible in character and location, and to judiciously appropriate the monies accruing from said sale; therefore it is resolved :-

of their trustees and members to select the church or parsonage property to be retained cordance with the rules and usages of the ing, Sheriff Patrick, Dr. Lavell. Wesleyan and New Connexion churches respectively.

Second.-That a Committee, composed of five members from both sections of the will refer to it when the Conference shall ment. There are good financial reasons for Church, namely, Dr. Rice, J. H. Robinson, J. A. Williams, D. Savage, and R. Wilkes, M.P., shall have power to adjudicate upon all ceeds of the sale. Rev. E. HOLMES read the Report of the

committee to arrange the funds between the late Weslevan and Methodist New Connexion Churches. The report stated the condition of the three funds of each church. Children, Contingent, and Superannuated being used in Canada that is used in Dr. Fowler said that his remarks were Ministers', and recommended their amalga- England, as thereby emigrants coming here to be applied mainly to that portion of the mation at the close of the present ecclesias- will be much more likely to be drawn to hymn book which we had received as a tical year. In the Wesleyan Church there our church than otherwise. He would like legacy from Mr. Wesley, and the other parts is invested for the Contingent Fund the sum of \$33,000, and for the Superannuated least, used in America and England, and the cries of time. mistaken. The lasty are evidently slower to colleges, and fill up the vacancies that may sum of \$33,000, and for the Superannuated least, used in America and Engle adopt proposals for change than the min occur in the Board. The December collect Ministers' Fund \$31,856.54, being at the Australia, and indeed everywhere. isters. They are not at all likely to intro- tion to be withdrawn, the constitution of the rate of \$56 per member. In the New duce or support revolutionary measures; but Educational Society to be inserted in the Connexion there is an investment for the to the report of the Committee. He did one knew the importance of psalmody, and deeper interest in our church affurs for all Conference collections. The Conference items which is regarded as doubtful. Neither his own part he thought that if we had ing the discussion were based on false church has any investment for the Children's The following are the members of the Fund, and the Methodist New Connexion better than we do. The hymns could not and would not for a moment disparage it. Central Board representing all the Annual has no investment for the Contingent Fund. be mended, and though there might per- They did not want to take away such hymns The Committee recommend that the funds shall be amalgamated next June, and all members of the funds to become claimants on the same scale.

SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Rev. A. W. Nicolson submitted the reand which was adapted :--

that the present scale of allowance to the worn out ministers, and to widows of min-

CONSTITUTION OF THE FUND. Superannuated Ministers' Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada.

2. The Fund shall be managed by a Committee of eighteen, nine of whom shall be in reference to that portion of the hymn immense stock of hymn books on hand, laymen, who may or who may not be mem- book which our founder had compiled, he which will probably entail some loss on us. bers of the General Conference, and who did not deny that it had some defects, and He did not think that were we even to con

3. The Central Board shall be appointed by the General Conference for a term of

in the meantime he would move the follow ally amongst the members and friends of the any book extant, to the spiritual life, experiing resolution to be seconded by Professor Church; from an annual public collection ence, and death-triumphs of the Christian the subscriptions of ministers, which shall Methodist soul; a heart experience of holy not be less than ten dollars per annum; and Christian truth, which had kept the Methofrom the prefits of the book and printing heart-love, though divided into various establishment.

Conference.

Each lay subscriber of five dollars or more Minutes of Conference, and shall receive a advanced. The Committee did not intend copy of the same.

travelled effectively fifteen years and up some rearrangement which would be an wards, shall have a claim of \$12 per annum. improvement. It was well known that a has travelled ten years, and less than which will contain some 100 psalms, and he fifteen, shall have a claim for \$12 per and did not think that such psalms would be num, said claim to terminate at the end of very suitable to many persons in this

3. The case of superannuated ministers who have travelled less than ten years shall be referred to the Board for adjudication.

enter into secular life, and afterwards be After the reading of the Minutes, which received into the Conference, shall not be were confirmed, the debate on the Hymn composed of the members of the district allowed claims during the period of his Book was resumed.

5. The Board shall have power to commute with superannuated ministers, under certain conditions. 6. Ministers who are temporarily super-

annuated may receive grants from the Con-7. Widows of deceased ministers shall receive four-fifths of the claims which their husbands would have received, except such

husbands were fifty-five years of age. 8. If the income of any year fails

be deducted from the claimants' receipts.

be managed by a Board representing that next General Conference for consideration. Conference. 11. The Annuitant Society of the late

eranuation Fund of the Methodist Church. The General Conference elected the fol-

lowing Board of Management :- Revs. G. R. Sanderson, G. Richardson, W. Griffin, and S. S. Junkins, A. Johnston, W. E. San-First.—That the Superintendents of the ford, Revs. John Douse, R. Jones, W. new Connexion and the Wesleyan Circuits Tindal, Dr. Green, S. Rose, and Messrs. J. affected shall arrange for and call a meeting McDonald, R. Wilkes, M.P., Hon. T. N. ship, and others were never used. There Gibbs, Revs. J. Elliott, G. Douglas, J. for use, or to be otherwise disposed of, in ac. Pitcher and Hon. J. Ferrier, Wm. Clenden- with Dr. Fowler, that the hymn book is the

Rev Wm. J. Hunter submitted the Report on Church Extension, which was, on has taken action on the matter, and they are motion, received and laid on the table. We going to publish a new book, with a supplehave made final disposition of it.

such cases submitted to them of said meet the Committee on the Hymn Book, which we in Canada do the same ? Of course he ings, and to determine upon the use or sale of recommended the appointment of a Com- would have us to make haste slowly, and properties, and the disposition of the pro- mittee to revise and publish a hymn book, would not publish for four years. There omitting certain hymns, and adding some were some hymns which were universal others, with a few choice anthems and favorites; but he wanted to have such a chants, and instead of numbering the pages hymn book as would be suitable for all th number the hymns.

> strongly in favor of the same hymn book in England. to see the same hymn book, in substance at he was coming to when he was stopped by

hymns is full of ancient landmarks.

instances sorely wounded by the change of to Dr. Rice's views, inasmuch as Income from existing investments; from taking it all in all, unequalled. It had as though the Committee proposed to alter

that much could be done immediately, but subscriptions and donations taken up annu- ministered perchance as much or more than to be made in all the congregations; from church of this age. It embodied the true dren of such a sort as shall command their from such monies as may be appropriated odist churches one in doctrine and one in sects and churches. The spiritual experience Five per cent. of the regular income shall of Christianity, as held by the Methodist be added annually to the vested capital -- church, borne on the stream of sacred song, the interest of said capital only to be used. was finding its way into sister churches, and breaking down the wall of theologic dogmas which had kept the Arminian and Calvinian Ministers coming to us from other church apart. We might well bear with thurches shall be allowed a claim upon this some defects for the sake of our founder, fund, according to the number of years they whose work it was, and to whom we owed shall have travelled in connection with our under God our existence as a church. It Conference; and if, upon entering our work, had been said that there were difficult they may desire a relation to this fund metres which could not be sung in many which would entitle them to payment for congregations, but he, Dr. F., had known a back years, they shall have such claim only band of warm hearted Methodists, who at a after and according to the payment of such six o'clock morning prayer-meeting, sung in sums as may be allowed equitable by the process of time, the whole of the Wesleyan hymn book through from beginning to end.

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Rev. J. LATHERN said that he agreed unnually shall have his name printed in the with nearly all that the last speaker had to omit more than at most 12 hymns. They would keep the book mainly, in its present 1. Every worn-out minister, who has form to the 539th hymn. They proposed 2. Every superannuated minister who new hymn book is to be issued in England.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 the Conference was again in 4. Any minister who may locate and session. The Rev. J. England led in prayer Dr. Rice moved an amendment to the Re-

port, that a committee should be appointed to correspond with the Wesleyan Book Committee, to effect, if possible, the publication of one Hymn Book for both churches. Other resolutions were submitted or suggested, but ultimately, the following resolution was adopted instead of the Report of the Committee.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Poole, seconded by Rev. A. Hurlburt, that we use in all our widows as were fifteen years younger than churches the Hymn Book at present in use among us, and that the following committee, namely : Hon. A. L. Wilmot, Drs. Wood meet the ordinary claims, a percentage will and Douglas, E. Dewart, J. Lathern, J. A. Williams, G. Milligan, J. Carswell, A. 9. Any minister who may be expelled Sutherland, J. McMurray, D. Currie, A. W. That while the circuits interlacing each from the Conference, or who may withdraw Nicolson, E. B. Harper, Prof. Burwash, Wm. and Hon. W. G. Strong proceed to revise

The discussion on this question was lengthy, and several members took part in ground, churches and parsonage that are not New Connexion Conference shall, after the debate. Some wanted the vote to be required for occupancy and use by the Metho- June, 1875, be incorporated with the Sup- taken immediately, but the President ruled that it would be better to continue the dis-

cussion a little longer.

Rev. E. B. HARPER, M.A., had thought much on the subject now under discussion, and had read various papers in reviews respecting it. There were some hymns in the book that were not adapted to public worwas no need for any alarm, for he agreed very best in the world. Some movement was necessary, for the English Conference this, as their Superannnated Ministers' The Rev. J. LATHERN read the Report of Fund get the profits; and why should not time; and he could not see why they might Dr. Rice opposed the report, and argued not make as good a hymn book as they had

Rev. E. H. DEWART said the Committee JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., was also opposed did not wish to press any matter. Every Superannuated Ministers' Fund \$6,652 92, not sympathise with those who would alter how much we were inspired by the hymns being \$69 30 per member, besides some or deface the Methodist hymn book. For which we sing. Several remarks made durmore piety we would love the hymn book assumptions. All loved the Hymn Book, chance be a few that might be expunged, as, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," nor he would strongly urge that great care "Jesus the name high over all," etc. But should be exercised before a single hymn there were some beautiful hymns which they was struck out. The hymn book is a sacred desired to add, such as, "Alas! and did my treasure, and the very arrangement of the Saviour bleed?" "All hail the power of Jesu's name." Dr. Osborne had said in the The Rev. Dr. Fowler thought it would British Conference that Mr. Wesley never be highly inexpedient to do violence to the intended many of the hymns that are in this It is the conviction of the Committee feelings of our people, already in many book for public worship. He was opposed name of the Wesleyan Church, by changing fathers in England had never consulted ister, is utterly inadequate to their wants their hymn-book. It contained the hymns them, nor even intimated to them that the their fathers sung, and had wound itself copyright of the hymn book had run out; around their hearts. The old arm-chair, but, on the contrary, Dr. Jobson, the Book cumbersome and ungainly, was permitted to Steward, would not let our Book Steward 1. The name of this Fund shall be the retain its accustomed place for the sake of have the hymn books as cheap as we thought the precious memories encircling it. There he might have done; but when the pirated mother sat there father died and for their edition was issued, he then intimated what sakes it was retained and loved. Speaking be would do; and thus Mr. Rose has an so had all earthly things and men; if their sult them for mutual co-operation in this defects were sought for they would be matter, that they would be very likely to found. But it had associated excellencies. hearken to us. With respect to the psalms, It was equal to any collection of sacred he did not think that they could be made at

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