

the possibility of union among all or any.

After much discussion the last clause was surrendered. A committee was agreed to with powers to consult and inquire as to the position and differences, omitting any definite suggestions of union. In all probability, when the differences are defined and set down they will be seen in their true proportions as very slight and involving nothing fundamental.



QUINTUS FABIVS CUNCTATOR.—DR. ALLEN
WAITS FOR METHODIST UNION.

"It seemed to him the wisest course for them to wait a few years."—DR. THOMAS ALLEN.

Along the line of Foreign Missions it was determined to take a decisive step forward and increase the annual givings to a creditable amount. A series of conventions are to be held. A fresh effort is to be made to canvass the whole people in each circuit.

It was clear that some of the richer laymen were heart and soul in the matter. One of them offered the maintenance of six additional missionaries if another six could also be provided for by other donors, and another

member of the Conference undertook the cost of another missionary.

This work is undertaken in addition to annual subscriptions, already large.

An important matter before the consideration of the Missionary Committee was that of the bankruptcy of the West Indies. Many years ago arrangements were made for the independence of the West Indian missions. But the project has broken down. The West Indian Mission is now hopelessly bankrupt, and owes over £60,000. There being no other alternative, the Conference is resolved to cancel its independence and contribute half the debt, provided the other half can be raised in the islands.

The affairs of the Book Room were keenly discussed. Dr. W. T. Davison was elected, by a large majority, to succeed the Rev. W. L. Watkinson as Connexional Editor. There is a feeling of general satisfaction over Dr. Davison's appointment. He is felt to be the one man for the place to which he is called.

Out of 142 candidates for the ministry 100 were accepted, and the importance of placing the untrained men in college as soon as possible was strongly urged.

A resolution of sympathy with the Passive Resisters was passed by a large majority. It was prefaced by the statement that the Conference did not thereby express any opinion as to the policy of passive resistance.

CARICATURE AS A FINE ART.

Humorous caricature as an art feature of modern journalism has long held place in the secular press. Our genial friend, J. W. Bengough, performed the "tour de force" of having a fresh cartoon in the daily paper every week-day for nearly three years, and is now employed on the British press to further the cause of preferential tariff for the colonies. Even the staid Wesleyan papers of England in reporting Conference proceedings indulged in humorous caricature. The Conference platform, it should be said, is a sacred spot where few mortals dare to tread except ex-presidents. At a public meeting Mr. R. W. Perks, from the vantage point of this official preserve, took occasion to denounce the Government Education Bill which the Rev. W. L. Watkinson and some of the officials favoured. The situation is shown in the accompanying cartoon, in which Mr. Perks' figure is the fallen Lucifer, and the others, ranging