THE WESLEYAN, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1882.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

RECEPTION OF FRATERNAL DELE-

GATES.

The evening had been previously to look after the emigrants who were fixed as the time for the public re- arriving in great numbers from the crowded cities of the old world. ception of fraternal defegates. Rev. They were also extending the privi-Dr. Rice presided and the proceed. ings were opened by devotional ex- leges of the Church more extensively ercises. The President announced to children. They believed that the children had better grow up in the that an address hall just arrived from the Australian Wesleyan Conference, fear of God. Th . M. E. Church was also making good p ogress in the and he thought it best to hav the ad-South. At the close of the war there dress read fir t, and connect it thus with the evening's proceedings.

were 30,000 of a colored population in the Church, and the church pro-Rev. Dr. Sutherland then read the address, which stated that although perty held by them was worth \$200,the Churches were parted by wide 000. Now, there was a church memspaces of sea and land, still they e- bership of 189,000, with a church projoiced in the recollection of the many perty valued at \$1,957.737. In other bonds which united to em together in words they had six times as many a warm and living brotherhood. They members in the Church in the South had in a comparatively short period with about ten times as valuable proerected 35,000 churches, and had an perty. (Applause.) Among the whites aggregate of over 357,000 persons the increase of church members was gathered every Sunday under the also very high, amounting to about reaching of the pulpits. The mis- one-half the number of Methodists in sion in New Britain promises to rival Canada. Nearly one quarter of the its elder sisters in the rapidity of its entire Church population of the growth. The shadow of a great States was in the South. The conficalamity had rested on the Confer- dence of the Southerners in them ence by the wreck of a steamer was something sublime, and they on the coast of New Zealand, while meant to show themselves worthy of voyaging to Australia, and by which the confidence. He did not wish to tive of the Australian Church were advocate or influence any measure harried into eternity. One of them, which was going to be debated by Rev. J. B. Richardson, was the the Conference, but as he saw a President of the New Zealand Con- paragraph in a newspaper just befere ce. Another, Rev, Joseph fore he crossed the border which Waternouse, was the Chairman of gave him a little information on the one of our largest districts in Victor- union question, he would like to say a word on the subject. If such a combination should ever be brought

After the reading of the addrees, Dr. Rice said it was his privilege about no Church would rejoice so to introduce a delegate from a much as the Methodist Episcopal Church to which they were greatly Church of the States. He hoped indebted. The earliest of the mis- that he had not transgressed his sionaries in British America had to prerogative in mentioning the matseek his ordigation from the Metho- ter. In conversation with a promidist Episcopal Church of the States. nent member of the Conference to-The obligations which the Canadian day on the subject he received an Church is under to the American answer which reminded him of the Church are very great. The speak- answer of the man who was asked er could not but feel that the Ameri- what he thought of a certain law for can nation owes it security to-day to the prohibition of the sale of liquors, the men who travelled out westward he said "he was in favor of the law and northward from the Mother but against its enforcement." (Great Church as civilization grew. He laughter and applause.) then introduced.

Studley, who on coming for- President introduced Rev. Dr. Stone, ward was received with great ap- the fraternal delegate of the M. E. plause. He said that he had learnt Church of Canada. We gave a brief since he came to the city that the ad- synopsis of Dr. Stone's address in dress which had been prepared by our last issue. his Church had not yet arrived. This was owing, however, to the death of their Secretary. After such an outburst of fraternity and fellowship in London last year, it seemed like a work of supererogation for any one branch of Methodism to send a traternal delegate to another branch. However, it may be well to show the world that the Churches have not tallen from grace since then. His errand was a very pleasant one, and ever since he was a pointed he had been trying to find out why he was entire month of August, in which appointed to the office. However, entire month of August, in which since he was a pastor to one of the bala. The camp-meetings were bishops and his family, he thought held. There seemed to be a purpose among the friends of these meetings that the venerable man wanted to to give them as much as possible the send him out of the country. He had old character they sustained in the abandoned that theory, however, bedays before the cottage system was cause it was certain that the country introduced and the camp-grounds where he was sent to was going to made places of summer resort. It is become an integral part of the great impossible to restore the old time American Republic - and thus he camp-meeting in all respects under would again be in the country from the present order of things, but it which he was sent. He was himself may be so far restored, as to be made a Methodist of the fourth generation. a great spiritual blessing to the peo-The American Church sympathized ple. Thus it has been the present greatly with their Canadian brethren season. The results attending these in the severe loss they had sustained meetings in olden-time were largely by the death of their mæstor and experienced. The Church was great. more than Bishop-Rev. Dr. Egerton ly quickened and led to a higher Ryerson. They could well sympaspiritual life, and large numbers were thize with their Canadian brethren. for serious losses had also fallen on them. However, the work of Christ goes on. The educational institutions of the M. E Church of the States are sending out young men who are trained in well equipped colleges, sending them out to fight against Satan in all his various forms. Although the prospect at times was tering into its experience. At our days still they believed that the triunish of Christ's gospel would come at last. They did not look so much numbers testified that they had enat what Satan threatened as at the tered into the experience of this mighty help that was held out to great blessing. As the result of this them by the Great Head of the * Church. God is on the field when He ing a general revival of religion, i, most invisible. In regard to heres; he thought there was none that would do the Church any permanent harm. They did not take any notice of heresy until it became a nuisance. Then the Church stopped for a moment and quietly ejected the blalast heretic from their midst. (Laughter They were not swilt to scent at in the movement. Three States heresy, they tried to have patience have adopted a prohibitory law, with men who were striving arnestly after the truth and suffered under has just adopted the law in the fola slight men al aberrat on fo a moment. They believe that truth gets manufacture for sale, sell or keep for on by enquiry and by giving the sale as a beverage, any intoxicating largest liberty to the inquire . They liquors whatever including ale, wine only say to the inquirer, " Don't cry and beer. The General Assembly out Eureka when you think that you shall by law prescribe regulations for have entered some new field of theo. log cal inquiry." (Laughter.) As regams the innerancy the speaker had aways been very conservative, somethere's much to the horror of his more rased brethren. However, it the pas or is tound well adapted to his pare ne had no objections to let him sing hau, live or six yea's instead of three There were some things that ging. they were doing with more than their former zeal, one of which is paying is interesting. In the book departtheir debts. (Lau hter.) In almost every case the churches which had become embarrassed at the beginning hterary treat for the coming months. of the period of financial depression Messrs. Harper Brothers announce are paying off their debts now. Hun- several worss in press, among which

work in this direction for the past these authors, we have reason to and medicine are abundantly supexpect much from the works named. plied with talent as fine as can be tew years had resulted in the build-Their recent issue of a new edi- found in any country. Why is the ing of more than one new Church for tion of "The Young Christian," by pulpit avoided in this manner by our every day in the year. (Applause.) Jacob Abbott, was a most excellent families? Some reason there must They were also making great efforts idea and has been received with much be. favor by the reading public. The

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notes. I will close by saying, we have a remarkably fruitful season. Drouth in places has seriously affect-The Camp-meeting season is over. ed the crops, but on the whole. throughout the country, there is an abundance for both man and beast. and a large supply for other nations much for thanksgiving.

if desired. In every respect we have CECIL.

NOTICE.

Then, again, we are given to understand that the Western Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada are crowded. Why was not application made in those quarters ? In the English Conference there is what is called the President's list of reserve, composed of young menwe are informed-who have passed the several predminary examinations, accepted by the District meeting, and are held to supply emergencres, or awaiting vacancies in the work. Could not our wants have been supplied in this quarter ? I am not finding fault in this matter, or questioning the wisdom of Conference. But while other charches are levelling up their pulpits by the importation of the finest talent for leading positions, there is a possibility ity of our fathorite methods becom-

ing a process of levelling down. Yours, A MINISTER.

DEAR BRO ,- As some of your ed embracing the Lives of John readers may be wondering why the Quincy Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Theological Union has not publishand John C. Calhoun. Other volu- ed the lecture and sermon, delivered mes are soon to follow, embracing the before the Society, last June, D take Lives of Andrew Jackson. John Ran- the opportunity of saying, that the dolph, James Madison, James Mon- delay has arisen through circumroe, Albert Gallatin, Henry Clay and stances beyond the control of the Daniel Webster. The series is pre- Society. There will be still a little pared by some of the distinguished Plonger delay. Meanwhile it will be writers of the country. They an- well if members who are in arrears nounce in another series the Life of of dues to the Society will remit the Benjamin Franklin in preparation, amount to the Treasurer and thus which will be looked for with inter- enable him to meet promptly the So-

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which has been one of more than usual interest. Several things contributed to this result. The weather has been excellent for out-door meetings. Especially in New England and in New York largely; there has

converted to God. The churches generally must be greatly benefited by them. There are signs of spiritual awakening in the churches which is most encouraging. The doctrine of entire sanctification is receiving special attention, and as a result, many are enlast Camp-meeting, this subject was made quite promiment and large spiritual awakening, we are expectwhich is greatly needed to check the spirit of worldliness which generally prevails as the result of our great financial prosperity. The Temperance movement is progressing with a rapidity never before of the WESLEYAN there at any time. known in this country. Prohibition is one of the principal objects aimed Maine, Kansas and lowa. The latter

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with great care by Revs. Messrs. Butcher and Strothard. Does that process of selection bind us to accept them otherwise than on their own merits ? We place certain bar- he say ?" "O, he said so many beaumen who propose to enter our pul- he said-he said-but I can't tell-it pits. In a cusp of this kind are those to you as he said them !" " Tell them are us of houses of worship are being are "A History of Wood Engrav-erected in parts where congregations ings," by G. E. Woodbery; "Travels for our ministry is a serious matter, that the æsthetics of existence enare not able to afford to pay for them in South Kensington," by Moncure one which should lead to thoughtful abled us to-to-O, I can't !" "Tell inquiry in several directions. Our us what you think he meant." "O, He spoke within the bounds of strict the Household," by Mrs. T. W. young men are thronging all the pro- go along! Why didn't you go and

when an old believer replied, "I don't preparation of the learning and experience see why it aint as easy for an ass to) talk like a man, as it is for a man to talk like an ass.'

"You say that you were possessed by the devil when you took the pants ?" the Justice said. "Yes, sah," was the reply; "it wa'n't me but the debbil dat was in mc." "Well, then, in order to punish that debbil, I will send you to prison for six months."

A coloured preacher lately wished to quote the text, "the barvest is past, the summer is over, and we are not saved," but not being able to read he gave the gist of it thus, " De corn has been cribbed, dere a n't any more work, au' old Satan is still foolin' wid this community."

"Ma." said a little four-year-old "I saw something run across the kitchen floor this morning without any legs. What do you think it was ?' The mother guessed various legless worms and things, and then gave it LUMBAGO,

SCIATICA. Why, ma, it was water." A Maine paper prints a laconic correspondence between two personal friends. One wrote to the other

Do me the favor to lend me a dol lar, to get my cow out of the pound. The other wrote back : 'I would, but I paid my last dollar to the boys to take the cow to the pound." A popular clergyman recently de livered a lecture to his parishioners assembled upon the interesting sub-

iect of "Fools." There was naturally a very large audience, and the rush for scats was much augmented by the forn in which the admission tickets were printed. The inscription ran thus : " Lecture on Fools. Admit one."

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