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METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

We are extremely rejoiced to know that the General Conference has just decided to substitute this as the name, or style, of the great Church they represent, instead of that of "United Wesleyan Methodist Church," &c., by a more than two-thirds vote. It is a consummation we did not hope to realize so soon, and therefore rejoice with a surprised sort of joy. It ought forever to silence the cavils and suspicions of those who said the older and greater body, the W. M. Church, wished to absorb the rest. We expected it would come to this in the long run. but it is much better it should be done now, than be obliged to wait for another four years before the change could be made. the most of the other annually meeting Methodist Conferences are legislative as well as executive, and the remaining ones have provision for calling a special legislative Conference, advances may be made officially for incorporation into the Union at their next annual meeting; and, in the meantime, the friends of Union in all the bodies will have, in their unofficial efforts, better grounds to go upon, and with a clearer prospect before them. Some will be sorry to part with the name Wesleyan, but such should remember that Wesley never authorized it, and the New Connexion Conference, preached in the discontinuance of it, saves us from the charge of calling any man "Master," however good, and brings us back

say the victory is won. Nay, for "there when he disappeared from among men. remaineth yet much land to be possessed;" The preacher noted first what Elisha asked "Save now, O Lord, I beseech thee; O Lord people say, Amen.

AN EVENING WITH OUR HYMN BOOK.

The service of sacred song in the Metropolitan Church on Friday night, was an occasion of spiritual profit as well as of aesthetic enjoyment. The meeting opened with the exceedingly appropriate hymn:

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise;

And the Rev. C. Lavell, M.A., engaged in

Rev. J. Potts presided, and introduced the several parts of the programme, with appropriate remarks on the character of the hymns and musical selections. The Rev. S. whose enterprise the preparation of the new Tune Book is largely due, introduced it to the

adopted in its compilation. As we shall take, of the heroic founders of Methodism. They

moods of the soul, from the penitential and of loving millions. No king has so many approved. prayerful to the highest religious raptures; subjects as King Jesus. And He shall The charm of the singing last night was the reign till he hath put all things under admirable adaptation of the tune to express His feet. these different emotions. At times the organ, under the skilful touch of Mr. Torrington, seemed to quiver like a human thing preached in the Metropolitan Church in the with deep emotion, from low and plaintive evening. The Rev. Gervase Smith gave strains to those of joyous confidence and ex- out the first hymn, offered the opening

224, 338, 750, 623, 640, 430, 624, 481, Mozart's twelfth Mass. To hear its sub-143, 71, and 66. These will be found to be lime music so grandly rendered, was itself some of the noblest lyrics in the language, itself an inspiration. giving ample scope in their varied sentiment for the exhibition of the admirable 2, "For I determined not to know any selection of tunes, and their striking adap- thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him tation to the expression of appropriate crucified." The preacher has a voice of

the spirited patriotic song of our friend Hon, forcible presentation of the grand central Judge Wilmot, which was received with doctrine of the atonement by the death of great approbation. It is a mirably adapted Christ. The argument was one of firmly to secure wide popularity, having a grand linked, and irrefutable logic, and all its can scarcely fail to kindle enthusiasm in the apt and ample quotations of Scripture. most lethargic soul.

which were warmly received.

In response to the call of the audience, Judge Wilmot appeared, and, in a very happy happy remarks by Judge Deacon, and set forth crucified carried by acclamation. Mr. C. W. Coates appropriately acknowledged the compliment. and the meeting closed by singing the grand

THE SABBATH SERVICES.

The Rev. J. H. Robinson, of the English Metropolitan Church at eleven o'clock.

The Rev. S. McDougall, Missionary on the Saskatchewan, opened the services. Mr. to our original name, and the name Robinson took for his text 2 Kings ii. 9-15. we have always had, in conjunction -The account of the translation of Elijah. with something else. We force not our He preached a rich, evangelical sermon, at own name on any one, and we take no other times deeply moving the audience by its body's name on us. And this should be pathos, and warming their hearts with its considered a foregone conclusion that we spiritual fervor. He said the world is govwill not. Slight changes in structure may erned by opinions; but we form our opbe made to suit the advances of others, but inions not solely from logic, but from the no further change of name. Some of our example and influence of others, whose ministers may say, "If asked for my deno- judgment we follow. Hence the governing mination, what can I answer, without power of great minds. They mould the circumlocution?" Why, simply, Canada thoughts of mankind for ages. The speaker here referred to the influence on large por-This measure, in connection with the other tions of the race to-day of Confucius, Zordoings of this General Conference, has ex- oaster, and Mahomet. Elijah was one of ceedingly filled us with "heart and hope." those great minds. Hence provision was Not that 'we may lay down our arms, and made for the transmission of his influence

but because we are getting rid of some awk- for-a double measure of Elijah's spirit. It ward impediments, which obstructed our was a spirit of moral elevation : there was forward march; and because our phalanx is no meanness or baseness about his character. more likely to be united, better drilled, He lived for God. It was a spirit of great officered, and ammunitioned. Let all the heroism, not that of an earthly warrior, but hosts of our Israel, both those who are in of sublime, moral daring. The humble the newly consolidated army, and the new Christian, the toiling mother, the lone misdrafts who are on their march to join it, and sionary exhibited truer sublimity of characall those who are "tarrying by the stuff," ter than earth's mighty conquerors. The unite in the Psalmist's earnest prayer, reverend gentleman observed next why it was Elisha received a mantle. Relics have send now prosperity!" "And let all the been abused even to idolatry. But these holy relics, the relics of the heart, the toys of dead children, the old home, the family Bible, the household heirloom, these are spells of potent power. So the prophet's mantle, though intrinsically of little worth, was a bond of nearness to a good man, a challenge to walk in his steps, to emulate his example. He observed, thirdly, the effect of this gift to Elisha. It imparted a divine illumination. He received a spiritual anointing. The preacher referred, in eloquent terms, to the Divine call of Gideon from the thrashing-floor. To the gift of power at Pentecost when the disciples, timid as frightened doves, became bold as lions for

Elisha received a spiritual insight. He Rose, the indefatigable Book Steward, to got new views of the verities of religion. He received a Divine anointing in his soul.

acteristics, its scope, and the principles ject; we need a double measure of the spirit ted to the gallery of the church.

occasion more fully to review this book, lack were men of simple tastes, and were someof time and space prevents the reproduction times unlearned and ignorant men; but they Mr. Potts expressed his deep sympathy ty. Cgn we carry it on? We need their with the compilers of the Tune Book, and self-denial, their holy zeal, their unquestionadmiration of our model Hymn Book, to ing faith. We may not see again the prim which, next to the Bible, Methodism owes apparel of these godly mothers of Israel, nor more than to anything. Its holy songs had the simple costume of those early preachers; led many into the Kingdom of Grace, and but we need their spirit, and God will give AT Trains on this line leave Union Station five minutes many more into the Kingdom of Glory, it to us. He does not forsake His Church. They were sung at the bedside of the dying, He raises Elishas as the Elijahs depart. helied in hours of trial, cheered in hours of God reigns. Christianity, cradled in a mansorrow, and voiced our ascriptions in hours ger, is the mightiest power in the world. of galdness. They expressed the different The Galilean peasant has won the fealty

THE EVENING SERVICE.

The Rev. W. H. Cornforth, from England prayer and read the lesson. The anthem The hymns sung were Nos. 557, 250, for the evening was the Gloria, from

Mr. Cornforth took for his text 1 Cor. ii singular power and distinctness of pro-The male voices of the choir sang also nunciation. The sermon was an exceedingly martial movement that stirs the pulses, and positions were strongly fortified with most officers, and also the teachers, it was argued

Whatever was characteristic in The Rev. A. Sutherland made some Apostles' teaching, said the preacher, whatcapital remarks on congregational singing, ever gave originality to his sermons, was derived from the cross of Christ. This was the truth of truths, the central thought, Whatever was withheld, this was never withspeech, congratulated the compilers of the held; whatever was carsorily touched, this tune book on its high excellence. He moved was never cursorily touched. This was set vote of thanks to the choir and Mr. Tor- forth with such vividness, that to the most upon their minds that they were teaching tington, which was seconded in a few distant peoples, Jesus Christ was evidently

Nor was this, he said, mere blind pertinacity on the part of the apostie. He knew the ground on which he stood. Necessity some even arguing that the elections should was laid upon him to preach the doctrine of the cross. Whatever else was important to learn, this was all important; therefore, this was his great theme, undaunted by opposition or affliction, in the synagogue of the Jews, or in the Areopagus of Athens, he everywhere preached Christ crucified. This was the end of his life, the object of his ministry, to know and to make known Christ the crucified. To this doctrine every really border on the obscene, and which truth in the Scripture relates. Christ is the centre of all type, and parable, and doctrine, and precept; the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the author and finisher of our faith. And this truth is ample enough for the

soul's deepest need. Compared with it nothing else was worth knowing. In ritual and prophecy, in law and gospel, Christ is all in all. This is the grandest of truths, the essence of all glorious thoughts, of all blessed emotions, the lever wherewith to array one minister against another, as their

But this preaching Christ includes the declaration of the design of his death. We may proclaim the fact and deny the doctrine of his expiation of sin. His death was not nerely that of a martyr in attestation of his doctrine. It was an atonement—a sacrifice—a vicarious suffering for us. This point was abundantly proved on Scripture libraries of the schools, the Superintendent

But this death was also the pledge and means of regeneration. This slays the the sole means of obtaining the benefits of Christ's death. And Christ is the only medium of acceptable service. In his innoence, man worshipped God without a mediator, and God delighted in his homage. found objectionable; there might be a little But now he can draw nigh only through the high seasoned food, but he did not think we

Great High Priest, Christ the crucified. In pointed application the preacher urged the question, "What think ye of Christ?" and exhorted his hearers to fly to him as their only refuge. He exulted in the ister should exclude all books to which he glorious doctrine and needed no other gospel. Content to stand by the cross of Calvary, to be but a voice or the echo of voice calling the lost to Christ, to be but a and he thought that so long as the minister wand pointing them to the crucified.

We have not received information concerning the services of yesterday other than those in the Metropolitan Church. presume that sermons were preached in all our churches as per plan.

the Conference will hold afternoon and Finally, it was asked how should this evening Sessions during the week. Those PROCEEDINGS OF THE

FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF CANADA. TENTH DAY.

sion were read and confirmed.

Rev. A. HURLBURT, Chairman of the Committee on General Conference Expenses, General Conference. moved that Messrs. Webster and Timmerman be added to that committee, which was

on which day two sessions of Conference shall be held.

vincial Exhibition for arranging for the attended only four Conferences this year. members of this General Conference to visit and now pressing business duties were being their fair grounds, free of charge, at an hour neglected by him that he might be here, and when the crowd of persons was not so great he did hope there would be no further dimias during the day, and thereby enabling the nution of numbers. The President hoped Conference to make their visit so as not to that these remarks would not be lost sight of. impede the business of the Conference to any extent. The resolution was adopted by a pronounced, and the Conference once more rising vote, which the President promised adjourned. he would convey to the President of the Exhibition.

Rev. A. Andrews read the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, which had been previously printed and distributed.

Some were of opinion that not only should "Catacombs:" the Superintendent of the Sabbath-school be a member of the Church, but the same requirement should be made of Assistant-Superintendent, which was adopted. Other should be members of the Church; but while all were anxious that converted persons should, as far as possible, be secured to labor in the Sabbath-school, yet instances were stated where, if such a rule were enforced the consequence would be that the school would be closed. One delegate, who was a S. S. Nelles, President of University of Superintendent, gave some pleasing incidents Victoria College. of good which had resulted from the introteachers, and the conviction had forced itself land, Montreal. enced, and hence they were led to seek a W. M. Church, Toronto.

The mode of electing the officers of the school was also the subject of a lively debate. be by ballot; but this did not meet with much support from the Conference, and the clause, as amended, was finally adopted.

A lengthened conversation was held on Sabbath-school libraries, in which Dr. Nelles, Professor Burwash, Dr. Jeffers, Judge Wilmot, Dr. Ogden, Judge Deacon, Mr. Gibbs, and others took part. Some books which are often introduced were severely criticised, such as the religious novel; instances were given of paragraphs in some books which create a false taste and teach the most deadly errors. Some argued that less danger would follow the reading of Sir Walter Scott's novels than some such books as were to be found in certain libraries; it was therefore insisted that the Superintendent Minister should have authority to expunge objectionable books from the library of every Sabbathschool in his circuit; and allow no improper ones to be introduced while he was in charge; but here it was stated by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock, W. J. Hunter, and others, that this mode of procedure might become exceedingly unpleasant, and might even perchance raise the world, the guide of the progress judgments might differ. At this stage of the debate, the Secretary (Rev. A. Andrews) informed the General Conference that already some volumes had been read by various ministers in the late Canada Conference, a catalogue of which was now in course of preparation, and from which selections could be made for Sabbath-school libraries. A resolution was therefore adopted, that before such books as are not named in our Sabbath school Catalogue shall be introduced to the Minister shall have examined them and given his sanction.

DR. Evans called attention to the fact that in some instances books of heterodoxy enmity of the heart to God. And faith is found their way into our S. S. libraries, books full of Plymouth Brotherism, Antinomianism, &c.

JUDGE WILMOT spoke in favor of the publications of the Religious Tract Society, very few of which he thought would be would suffer any harm from them, if care was only taken to get our children and young people generally well grounded in our

MR. PATTON still insisted that the minconsidered there was ground for objection. The PRESIDENT said that in connection with his duties at the Educational Department, he had examined some 5,000 volumes,

their attention, while in others, indisposition was assigned as the reason: Messrs. W. R. Allison, Hon. J. Ferrier, J. Hough, W. E. Youmans, L. Chipman, and Hon. did a mighty work for God and for humani- UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH J. J. Rogerson. The latter stelleman is Finance Minister of the Province of Newfoundland, and he stated that by the time he could reach home his term of leave of ab-At 9 o'clock the President gave out part sence will have expired; but he assured the of the 384th Hymn, after the singing of General Conference that he would carry which, the Secretary read the 11th Chapter away with him a lively sense of the kindof Isaian, and the Rev. J. Gabey led in ness he had received during the sittings of prayer. The minutes of the preceding ses this General Conference, and he would to his dying day be ever grateful for the privilege he had had in attending this first

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Several members of the Conference having expressed their regret that so many of the lay members were neccessiated to return At the suggestion of the President, a re- home, Mr. Wilkes, in a few earnest words, solution was adopted, to the effect that when intreated the laymen who still remained to the Conference adjourns to-day, it shall re- abide to the end. No doubt it would be a main adjoinred until 2 o'clock on Monday, great sacrifice for many to do so, but if the laymen could not make this sacrifice once in four years, this would just confirm what some On motion of Mr. W. H. GIBBS, seconded had said to him, that it is useless to make by Mr. Ditton, the thanks of the Conference so much to-do about lay delegatism, for laywere rendered to the Managers of the Promen did not want it. He stated that he had

The Doxology was sung, the benediction

LITERARY NOTICES.

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"Would not be without it for five times that to others which they had not experiits cost."—Rev. S. J. Hunter, Elm Street

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Recorder BOYS FROM ENGLAND.

My DEAR SIR,-The object and work of the Children's Home, are, I believe, well known to your readers. It has therefore occurred to me that a few particulars of the journey of the party of forty-eight lads who have lately arrived at the Hamilton Home, from the old country, under my charge, may be acceptable to those friends who have an interest in this Institution. On Monday evening, the 24th of August, the intended emigrants and their friends assembled in the chapel of the Home in London, for the purpose of holding a farewell service, and an opportunity was afforded to the Revs. T. Bowman Stephenson, Thorley Smith, and other friends to address a few words of encouragement and advice to the boys and their friends. On the following morning, we mustered at the Home at eight, and, after a short service. and the usual farewell greetings, we started off to Euston Station, accompanied by the Home Band, who occupied the top of the first 'bus, and playeds lively selection of music to cheer our drooping spirits. We were soon speeding away from London; the novelty of the rapid travelling soon caused those lads who had just left friends to dry their tears, and make use of their eyes in watching the quickly changing scenery. On our arrival at Liverpool, we were met by the party of lads who were to accompany the party from the Farm Branch at Edgeworth, in Lancashire, and several friends, who escorted us to the Wesleyan chapel at Booth, where they had prepared a substantial tea. A photograph of the intended emigrants was tsken, and we then adjourned to the school room to partake of the good things so liberally provided for us, and to which, I need hardly assure you, we did ample justice. This important part of the proceedings over, we assembled in the pretty garden adjoining the chapel, and listened to some excellent advice from the Revs. Charles Garratt, Alex. McAulay, and other friends.

It was now time to proceed to the good ship 'Ontario," of the Dominion Line, in which we were to cross the "Great Ferry," so we bade farewell to our kind entertainers, and, with cheers for everybody, we started for the docks. Mr. Montgomery, one of the directors of the Dominion line, acted as our guide, and, by his attention, we were soon comfortably settled down in the part of the vessel that had been specially prepared for our party. The lads were weary with the excitement of the day, and, notwithstanding the noise and bustle consequent upon the stowing of cargo, were soon asleep. They were, however, up betimes next morning, and every part of the vessel minutely inspected; very few of them had ever seen an ocean steamer, much less been on board of one, so everything bore the charm of novelty. Only those who have experienced the activity and was made responsible, and would take due bustle which prevails on the occasion of an emipains, we might secure good libraries for all grant ship preparing for departure, can appreciate the peculiar features of the situation. Every one The Committee recommended that as soon on board seemed to be impressed with the necesas circumstances will justify, the Sabbath- sity for action, and engrossed with the multifarious school Board shall publish a suitable Sab- duties which precede a transatlantic stoamer bath-school paper for the Dominion. This getting under way. During the morning we left recommendation was referred to the Com- the docks, and were moored in the Mersey, op-In consequence of the press of business, mittee on Publishing interests and Book- posite to Prince's Landing Stage, which, notwithstanding the late fire, presented an animated Permission was granted to the following scene. Mr. Stephenson came on board by the audience bp a statement of its general char- affect us. This was a deeply practical sub- wishing to hear the deliberations are admit- delegates to return home, as in some instances matters of importance demanded the necessary preparations for the voyage. A