

WE are glad the Methodist Conference has taken hold of our Colonial Tables of Precedence. It is not a great thing in itself—but nevertheless to give Anglican and Roman Archbishops and Bishops any precedence, in Receptions at Government House, and the like, over Methodist Superintendents, Presbyterian Moderators, or Congregational Chairmen, is unjust and indefensible. It may be said there would be possible confusion. There is no need of it: let those—made equal by law and usage—take precedence of each other by *age*.

A LITTLE cross-firing, on points of Order, between Dr. Cornish and Rev. W. F. Clarke—forgotten as soon as the meeting was over—furnished a member of the Kingston *press* a good joke. At the Excursion among the Thousand Islands on Saturday, some one asked, for want of anything better to say—"Suppose the Boat should go to the bottom, with all her passengers!" "In that case," replied the knight of the Fourth Estate, "Mr Clarke would RISE, to a point of Order!"

ON MATTERS POLITICAL, the Union made some deliverances. With an addenda, condemning also the recent scandals in Quebec, the following was passed on Monday. We have not the official text before us:

"Resolved that this Union has observed with humiliation and regret the fact that one of the members of the Dominion Parliament has been convicted by his peers of conduct which they have condemned as corrupt and scandalous and utterly unworthy of a member of their body, and that he has declared, with apparent truth, that he is but one of many who have been guilty of like conduct: it loc^d with greater shame on the fact that the guilty man, or has been re-elected, thus apparently having his corruption endorsed by his constituency: and, inasmuch as it desires to continue to believe in the moral integrity of its rulers, it would insist that public men found guilty of such deplorable conduct receive the stamp of political reprobation."

The following was also passed, concerning Separate Schools:

That as time-honored testimony of Congregationalism is against all State aid to religious denominations, the Union is prepared to use all constitutional means for the elimination of the Separate School feature from the educational system, and so long as that feature is tolerated will protest against any and all encroachments on popular liberty by the Roman Hierarchy.

On motion of Rev. W. F. Clarke, the following Resolution was carried:

That the Union express its deep disapproval and condemnation of the subserviency of both the great political parties to the unscrupulous and ever-encroaching influences of the Church of Rome, and its approval of and sympathy with the movement which has been set on foot for the purpose of securing equal rights to all.

A NEW KIND OF EXPERIENCE MEETING: We got the idea from the "Christian World"; but here it is. Somebody visits your Church. (Just now, Rev. Mr. Clarkson of England, Principal Barbour, Rev. R. K. Black, and Mr. J. M. M. Duff, are all moving about among the Churches, to greater or less extent.) The visiting Brother gives you an "Address." It is ever so good—full of wise counsel. But there are fifty things you would like to *ask* him, that he does not speak of; and the general experience is that the opportunity is *lost*. Here is the suggestion:—After the visitor has spoken for half an hour, and warmed up both you and himself, (and there is a good deal in the warming up); put him through three quarters of an hour, of *questioning*: The writer in the *Christian World* says:

The replies which were elicited surpassed even in suggestiveness the opening address. The evening was a memorable one, all the questions were put with eagerness and were without exception to the point.

We haven't asked either of these brethren—we know too much for that—but we know they will readily respond when actually tested! Let our friends in the Churches remember the little "Card" they sometimes see in stores, "If you don't see what you want, ASK FOR IT!"—Here come, in the persons of these brethren, stores of experience in certain lines. Ask for what you want to be informed on!

We shall not need to take out a *patent* for this new kind of Experience Meeting. The politicians, especially in the Old Land, have long practised it. It is only applying a well-known principle in this special direction.

Editorial Articles.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

This subject seems to be "in the air"; it comes up on all occasions. And more particularly at this season of the Annual Convocations of the religious bodies, it comes again and again to the front.

It came up at the meeting of the Congregational Union. Canon Body had addressed our Chairman, Mr. Cuthbertson, officially on the subject—proposing the appointment of a committee. Mr. Cuthbertson's difficulty (for the committee was already in existence), that the "Lambeth Resolutions," if adhered to on this side the ocean—one