

and a sincere willingness to be taught the whole will of God. Meekness sets us down with Mary, in the learner's place, at Jesus' feet, with an open heart, like Lydia, saying, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth," or, with Paul, when he first began to breathe for Christ. "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do." Meekness says, with a good man, "If I had six hundred necks, I would bend them all to the Word of the Lord."

Meekness is seen under the afflictive providences of God, in times of trial, of sad and sore bereavement, of mysterious crosses and losses, in seasons of persecutions and sore conflicts.

It is seen in governing our own anger, in calming the spirit, in silencing the murmuring tongue, in cooling the warmth of passion, in exercising the law of kindness to the undeserving, in bearing patiently the anger of others, in giving soft answers to rough questions. But I must not here enlarge. The law of meekness is, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head."

"So artists melt the sullen ore of lead,
By heaping coals of fire upon its head;
On the kind warmth the metals learn to flow,
And pure from dross, the silver runs below."

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NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE.

In sublime sacred apothegm we read the universal truth,—there is one Lawgiver. In nature and in providence, every thing bears the stamp of one supreme will. Behind every secondary cause, at the end of every chain of sequences, no matter how long it be, stands the uncreated great First Cause of all things. What we call the laws of nature, are simply the expressions of the divine will. Their characteristics are their universality and their immutability. The same law of gravitation that balances the earth upon its axis, adjusts the weight of the heather-bell to the delicate stalk that supports it. That very law which in the beginning moulded the ponderous frame-work of the universe, is that which gives spereity to the glistening dew-drops on the grass to-day. *For ever live.* *Remain of these laws, we must obtain in the world of metaphysics.* *in that of physics.* We may as well fight against the laws of gravitation or of chemical affinity as against those of mind and spirit. We must either be crushed by them as rebels, or enjoy their protection as free and happy subjects. Such being the case, it were surely well to discover the nature of those laws, that we may re-adjust our dislocated relations thereto. If ethics and politics are to become in any sense sciences, it will be by this discovery and re-adjustment. It is with the latter of these that we are now concerned.

No lesson of history is more plainly taught in the pages of the past than that verily there is a God that reigneth in the earth. As with devout as well as philosophic eye, we contemplate the changing drama of the age, we are compelled to discern the hand of Providence in the government of nations. Infinite Power and Wisdom is guiding the world, as a skilful rider guides his steed along the path of progress to a glorious goal.

"For I doubt not through the ages an increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns."

Down "the ringing grooves of change," the world is speeding to the golden age to be.

God, at certain periods in the history of the world, has chosen certain nations to be the vehicles of his grace to the rest of mankind. If they were faithful to their high commission God honored and blessed them. If they proved recreant to their sacred trust, he dashed them in pieces like a potter's vessel. The Jews refused this glorious office and rejected the Messiah, and therefore are they to-day "the race of the weary foot," without home or country, a nation scattered and peeled, a by-word and a reproach throughout the earth; a nation symbolized in the medieval legend of the Undying Wanderer who could find no rest for his soul beneath the sun.

The Western and the Eastern Empires corrupted the truth that was given them, and therefore saw the one, the Hun within her gates, the other, the Ottoman upon her walls. Spain extinguished in blood—the blood of the saints—the light of the Gospel, and has therefore languished in moral darkness, and wasted in political atrophy ever since.

But England and her fair daughter America, with all their faults have in the main been true to the great interests of religion. By their white-winged messengers of commerce, the Bible and Missionaries are carried to all parts of the earth. Therefore, we believe, are they the two foremost nations of the world. They have, after a confused and blundering way sometimes, but still better than any other nation, recognized the Sovereignty of God, and the Monarchs of Great Britain are declared to reign by the grace of God.

It has been the reproach of America, that till recently she has given slight recognition of

the Divine Government; this has probably resulted from the entire separation under her Institutions of Church and State. But the late President, whose untimely martyrdom the world deplures, was not ashamed to avow in his official documents his recognition of that Providence and his confidence in His awards. And upon the last issue from the American mint is stamped the pious legend: "We trust in God." No nobler motto could they emblazon on their national escutcheon. And at the close of their great war, if ever should that confidence be avowed, for

When was ever God's right hand,
Over any time or land,
Stretched as then, beneath the sun?

In view, therefore, of our allegiance as a nation to God as the great Suzerain of all the earth, should there not be a more emphatic recognition of His Providence in the official acts of the Government? We have been led into this train of thought by the conspicuous absence of all such recognition in the important public acts, of the opening of the Dominion Parliament, and of the Local Legislatures of the several Provinces. In the case of the Legislature of New Brunswick we were the more surprised at this, from the fact that Lieutenant-Governor Wilmot is a member of our own church, and a representative christian man, of whom all the churches may be justly proud. Yet such is the prevalence of the habit of ignoring our dependence upon the Supreme Disposer of all events, that even he makes no reference to that dependence. It is recorded of Pope Adrian, that when he built the College of Louvain, he caused this inscription to be written on the gates in letters of gold, in what seems blasphemous parody on the devout exclamation of the apostle Paul: "Utrecht planted me, Louvain watered me, and Cæsar gave me increase." To reprove his folly, one wrote underneath, "Hic Deus nihil fecit." Here God did nothing." Let us not as a people imitate this exclusion of God from the government of the world he has created and redeemed. In so far as the policy of our country is noble christian and devout, God will set his love us, and keep us, and no weapon formed against us shall prosper. But if we forget God he may forget us. Remember us only in wrath and retribution, "that nation shall be utterly destroyed." Let us rather seek to win the benediction of that nation whose God is the Lord, the happiness of the people that is in such a case. And let us look abroad at the history of the world, let us endeavour to discern amid its confused revolutions, its battles and its tumults, the great moving principle—the wheel within the wheel—God by his providence reconciling the world unto himself. Let us ever feel that

"His greatness flows around our incompleteness;
Round our restlessness his rest."

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

NINTH DAY.—MORNING.

The Co-Delegate gave out the 312th hymn, Rev. W. Scott, Assistant Secretary read a portion of Scripture, after which the Rev. C. Fish led the Conference in prayer.

The Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Rev. E. Barrass moved, and the Rev. J. Bredén seconded. The following Resolution which was unanimously carried; that the best thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. A. Sutherland, for the gratuitous and valuable services which he has rendered to the Sunday School Union, and particularly in Editing the SUNDAY SCHOOL BANNER.

Rev. B. Cole read the Report of the Committee on the church property returns, from which we were sorry to find that several Trustees have neglected to insure their respective Tracts. We hope that all such will avail themselves of the liberal terms offered by the Queen's Insurance Company of Liverpool. There have been insurances made by various Tracts, amounting in all to 346,940; the supposed value of property thus insured, amounts to \$639,200.

The Report of the Conference Special Committee was read and approved by the Conference. Among other resolutions of the Committee, we give the following. "That whereas the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a Despatch recently addressed to Government of this Dominion, has undertaken to lay down sundry regulations giving precedence to the Clergy of particular denominations; and whereas, there does not exist in this country a Union of Church and State, or any particular form of Christianity established by law—this Committee would record its respectful, but, decided protest against all governmental instructions or interference, or evincing a preference for this or that ecclesiastical system, as such interferences, while inflicting an injustice on large numbers of Her Majesty's loyal subjects is calculated to foster, a spirit of religious caste and exclusiveness in the church thus favored."

Several members of the Conference spoke on this subject, and at length the Rev. J. Borland moved, and G. H. Davis seconded a resolution desiring that special attention should be given in the "Daily Recorder" to the fact that this Conference heartily endorses the action of the Special Committee in this matter, as nothing is more subversive of the interests of the country than such acts of ecclesiastical bigotry as are here animadverted upon.

Another resolution of the Conference Special Committee is worthy of being published in our "Daily Recorder" of the Conference: proceedings, as it relates to the important matter of insuring our Church property, to which attention is called in a preceding paragraph.

"That the Conference Special Committee, having heard with satisfaction from the Committee on Insurance, appointed by the Conference, that a final agreement has been concluded with the Directors of the Queen Insurance Company of Liverpool and London, this Committee requests the President of Conference to sign the agreement, and then issue a circular to all ministers of the Conference, soliciting their earnest endeavours to obtain insurances upon all Connexional property, such as Churches and Parsonages, in that Office, by which the interests of Victoria University especially will be greatly advantaged. The Conference in the most unanimous manner endorsed this resolution."

Our readers will, we are sure, rejoice with us that the Queen Insurance Company have agreed with the authorities of our Church to make a large grant towards the funds of Victoria University, on condition that all our Church property be insured with them. It is therefore a some interest to the Conference that all its Church property should be insured, and as a large portion of the Church property is now uninsured, no time should be lost in securing an insurance in the above Company. Will our esteemed brethren, the ministers allow us to urge them to lose no time in getting their Trust Board together and effecting insurances on all the property of which they have the oversight, with as little delay as possible. We are sure that in so doing, they will promote the best interests of the church.

The President of the Conference stated that it was indispensably necessary for the Stationing Committee to meet again, and that therefore the Conference should adjourn until 11 o'clock. The Conference accordingly adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

At 2 o'clock the Conference was again in session with the President in the chair. This being the last session of the Conference, and that in which the Stations of the Ministers were to be read, there was more than usual interest felt in the proceedings, hence the galleries were filled with spectators.

Before reading the Stations the Secretary of the Stationing Committee brought forward a case of Rev. John Gemley, Chairman of Brantford District, who was recommended for a Superannuated relation for one year. Several brethren were disposed to question the propriety of to lose his valuable services, evidently unwilling to do so.

Mr. Gemley has been engaged in the Ministry of our Church for 28 years, and is held in high esteem. He has occupied several of our most important stations. After some explanations the recommendation of the Stationing Committee was unanimously adopted.

The President of Conference brought forward a communication from the Missionary Committee in England, respecting the relationship that exists between the British and Canada Conferences. The terms stated in the said document were referred to the meeting of the Missionary Board, held in Guelph last fall. The Parent Society agrees to set aside a certain sum of money, subject to the call of the Canada Missionary Society, for 3 years in succession from 1870, and should the Canada Society not require more than the interest of the said sum, the principal shall remain, and at the end of 3 years the Canada Society shall have no further claim. The English Missionary Society rejoices in the continued success of the Canada Missionary Society, and will ever retain a lively interest in all that pertains to the welfare of Methodism in Canada.

Dr. Ryerson moved a resolution, which was seconded by Dr. Taylor, approving of the terms of the scheme of settlement of Missionary affairs between the British Missionary Society and the Canada Missionary Society, which was unanimously adopted by the Conference.

The Directors of the Sabbath School Union were nominated by the President of the Conference, and confirmed by the Conference, Rev. W. Stephenson, S. Cochran, J. H. Bishop, W. J. Hunter, A. Sutherland, Wm. McFadden, W. McCullough, S. Rose, W. Willoughby and W. H. Withrow.

Dr. Taylor nominated the Missionary Committee which was confirmed by the Conference viz:—President and Secretary, and Co-Delegate of Conference, Editor of the Guardian, Book Steward, Chairman of Districts, Superintendents of Toronto and Yorkville Circuits, with Dr. Ryerson, Dr. Green, Dr. Rice, Rev. R. Jones, Dr. B. Madden, A. Huriburt, W. Scott, S. Carroll, W. McFadden, J. Douse, Hon. A. Ferrier, Hon. J. C. Aikens, W. Beatty, Esq., M.P.P., A. W. Lawler, Esq., M.P.P., E. Jackson, Esq., A. Dredge, R. Woodsworth, J. Alcorn, J. ———, W. T. Mason, Dr. Aikens, J. Rogers, J. Sterling, with the Lay Representatives appointed by the various District Meetings, with the General Superintendent of Missions, Dr. Taylor Secretary and Clerical Treasurer; J. Macdonald, Lay-Treasurer.

The Conference then, by a very unanimous vote agreed that the number of Ministers who shall attend the next Conference, shall be 300, in addition to the officers of Conference and the young men to be ordained.

Votes of thanks were unanimously given to the friends in this City for their kindness in entertaining the Conference, and the Ministers are to convey this to their respective congregations next Sunday; also to the Ministers in Toronto and Yorkville, for their diligence and patience in providing billets and other conveniences to the Members of the Conference.

Report of the Contingent Fund Committee was adopted, also that of the Superannuated Ministers

Board. We were sorry to find that while the number of claimants on the latter is augmenting the increase of the income is only about \$320. Our aged brethren and the widows of those who have died in the work deserve much better provision than has yet been made for them. We hope the spirit-stirring articles that have appeared in our columns on this subject will not be overlooked by our friends anywhere, especially those of them whom God has blest with more than an ordinary share of this world's good. Remember them who have preached unto you.

The hour of adjournment was just approaching; many were anxious to get away by the evening trains, but yet none were willing to leave before the "tellers" had reported the result of their examining the ballot-sheets for the Chairman of Districts, especially as it was supposed that in all probability several new incumbents would be elected to office. The following brethren, for the first time, are appointed as Chairmen of the Districts in which they reside:—Rev. G. Douglas, Montreal; A. Langford, Chatham; J. Preston, Brantford; F. Berry, Barrie; J. C. Hunter, Pembroke; E. B. Ryckman, Stanstead; W. S. Griffin, Guelph. Dr. Jeffers and K. Creighton were Chairmen a few years ago, and now are again elevated to the honorable position. Each of the brethren then addressed the Conference in appropriate terms, thanking their fathers and brethren for the honor conferred upon them, and the trust reposed in them, and they would endeavor, God being their helper, to discharge their duties conscientiously and faithfully.

The Board of Examiners made their Report through Professor Burwash. In future the mode of examination is to be conducted by means of written questions and answers, the Chairman and Financial Secretaries being present when the papers are filled; the time of meeting to be on the last Wednesday in April. A few slight changes are made in the list of books recommended for study. This mode of examination is a great saving of funds, inasmuch as all the papers when filled up are to be transmitted to the Board, who shall examine the whole, and give the certificates according to merit, which shall be forwarded to the Chairman in time for the respective District meetings. The said Board shall consist of 24 Brethren, whose names will be found in the Minutes of Conference.

The President of Conference nominated the following persons as the Board of Examiners for the German Missionaries:—Rev. E. B. Harper, Prof. Keynar, Dr. Evans, and J. Freshman, whose nomination was confirmed by the Conference.

Dr. Green brought forward a motion for the re-appointment of a Committee to negotiate with the Stationing Committee said to be appointed by other respecting the subject of Methodist Connexion. The Conference very unanimously approved of the motion thus made by Dr. Green, and seconded by Dr. Ryerson. We trust that the Committees of the various branches of the Methodist family will confer together on this important subject, and, if possible, arrange some plan for Methodist union; surely when Presbyterians are amalgamating, there cannot be insuperable barriers in the way of Methodists coming closer together.

The Rev. C. Lavell introduced a deputation from the young men ordained last Sabbath.

The Rev. Thos. Colling, as spokesman for the young men, then presented the President with a handsomely framed photographic picture, containing Mr Punshor's portrait in the centre, with the portraits of the ordination class ranged around. The President, in a few happy remarks, acknowledged the appropriate gift.

The Rev. Dr. Taylor, on behalf of a large number of ministers, then presented Dr. Jeffers, the retiring editor, with a handsome gold watch as a token of affectionate esteem. Before making the presentation, Dr. Taylor read the following address:—

ADDRESS TO DR. JEFFERS.—We, the undersigned ministers and friends, now in Conference assembled, being desirous of expressing the sense of esteem which we, in common with your numerous admirers feel towards you, beg to take this opportunity of expressing it by this slight token.

Through 30 years of ministerial service, you have endeared yourself to the hearts of large numbers of the Methodist family throughout the Dominion; and your distinguished ability as editor of the CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN for the space of 9 years, has won for you a high place among the defenders and fathers of our Church.

Begging your acceptance of this small expression of our affectionate regard, we earnestly pray that the richest blessing of heaven may rest upon you and your dear family, wherever God may call you to labour.

Dr. Jeffers acknowledged in suitable terms, and with much emotion, this expression of the confidence and esteem of his brethren.

The President brought the deliberations of the Conference to a close by giving out the 537th hymn, in which the thinned ranks of the ministers joined. There was pathetic appropriateness in the words of this hymn, which was felt by all present.

The venerable Dr. Ryerson engaged in prayer. The Benediction was pronounced by the President, and the Conference came to a close.

LITERARY NOTICES.

AN OMISSION.

We omitted to mention in our notice of "The Songs of Life," by the Rev. E. H. Dewart, that the binding was done in the establishment of the Messrs. Brown, Bros., of Toronto. It is considered one of the best specimens of book-binding ever produced in the Dominion.

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