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Interesting Meeting in the Interest of Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues.

Pastoral Address Read This Morning-Delegation of Women at Conference.

From Friday's Daily. On resuming business yesterday afternoon, the Methodist conference proceed d to complete the elections. Rev. J. Calvert and T. D. Pearson, Esq., were appointed assistant secretaries, and Rev. H. M. Sutherland, journal secretary. Memorials were heard from every part of the work recommending the re-arangement of several circuits and misgions with a view to economy both of men and money and also to provide it possible better adjustment of the work, so that every minister may be available for as much service as possible. These memorials were referred to the proper committees, who in turn will hear all the facts and report to the open conference for final action. Any important change that may be made will be announced when such confirmation takes place.

The conference committees were ap pointed to take into consideration the various phases of the work, each under its proper head. They are educational, contingent fund, sustentation fund, state of work, Sabbath school and Epworth League committees. These met and organized at the adjournment of the afternoon session and will begin their work o-morrow.

During the session Rev. Dr. Campbell, of First Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. B. Winchester, were introduced to the conference and tendered their fraternal greetings. They were granted coresponding privileges.

A committee consisting of Revs. A. E. Green, G. H. Raley, James Calvert, with Messrs. J. Haggart, E. Odlum and J. lessop, was appointed to take any action they may deem proper in sending an expedition to relieve the overdue Glad Tidings.

Several bills and accounts were discussed and passed, and letters read from general conference and missionary officials were discussed and referred to committees.

A memorial from the trustees of the Centennial Methodist church, asking the conference to take over the church property and relieve them (the trustees) from financial liabilities, was read, and, on motion, a special committee on church property was appointed with full power to call for papers and persons to investigate the case and report to the confer-

ence. On motion of the conference the consideration of the report of the college committee was made the order of business for the afternoon session. Several changes were made in the appointments on the conference programme, a number of ministers being excused from the work on which they were planned, so that they may be sent out of the city to take work in the supply of other Methodist

Baer were to have any office in the conference this year. Under such circumof applause. stances as these he proposed to find out who had been doing the canvassing.

not soon be healed. The resolution, without the name of

Mr. Robson, was then passed. The conference took up the consideration, of and passed the report of the board of management of the Columbian Methodist College, which report occupied the remainder of the afternoon. The re-

port read: The attendance of pupils during the year averaged 44, 26 being males and 18 females. The progress of pupils posite view. He claimed that no mathad been good and their health' satisfactory. An increased attendance was looked for next year. The deficit on the work for the last eight months was \$1574, the net average monthly deficit being prove that this was not the case. \$192.35. For the year the revenue was estimated at \$4883.25, with an expenditure of \$6806.75. Against this were grants and subscriptions amounting to \$1787, bringing the net deficit for the year down to \$929.12. The board placed before the conference a scheme for secur-

ing a most desirable property at Westminster for a permanent college. The grounds and specially suitable buildings now on it were offered for \$15,000-only a fourth of their real value. Adding to the \$15.000 the other liabilities of the college the sum of \$22,186 was needed to carry out the scheme. Of this, Mr. H. A. Massey. of Toronto, offered \$10,000, provided the other \$12,186 were raised.

The local committee had already secured subscriptions for \$3000, so that only \$9000 remained to be procured. The board had an option on the property for thirty days, during which it was hoped the full amount would be forthcoming.

This would put the college in a good position at once. Otherwise, as a critical period had come, it was likely to fall. A large audience was present last night to witness what is always one of the most interesting events in the meetings of the Methodist annual conferences. Rev. S. Cleaver took charge of the proceedings, and after the opening songs and prayers he introduced the work of the evening by stating the method and discipline through which candidates are received into the Methodist ministry. No one, not even a probationer himself, realizes how fully every point seems to be guarded in the introduction of men to this important work. The two young

men to be made ministers were Rev. John David Phillip Knox and Rev. David Dalton Birks. They were called to the platform and requested to tell the story of the religious life and how they felt themselves called to the work of the ministry. Both made excellent addresses and manifested an intense degree of conlife, after which Rev. E. Robson was called upon to move and support the reso-

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE of the elections sesterday, but at the disconting the morning then proceed. annual conference appoint a committee C. Bryant, as the oldest temperance same time he would like to state that a ed smoothly and harmoniously. Several to communicate with the churches, and layman had come to him and confessed communications were received, one of the officers of temperance organizations, the pleasure of the conference in the that for the five straight votes in the con- particular importance being a letter from in order to bring about a plebiscite on knowledge of the progress of the W. C. test for the secretaryship, he had op- the Indian agent Vowell, stating that the prohibition question, also that the T. U. cause, and pledging the conferposed Mr. Baer, not because he believed the steamer Mischief had been placed at said committee communicate with the ence to continue co-operation with them. him incapable, not that he had any dis- the disposal of the conference by the government requesting the institution of The president of the conference, in tenrespect, but he had been given to under- Ottawa authorities and would be sent to the curfew bell now in successful operastand that neither Mr. Maitland nor Mr. the relief of the Glad Tidings. This an- tion in many towns in the east. We al nouncement was received with a round Rev. Professor Coulter, of the Columbia Methodist college, was introduced

> At this stage there was an effort made | and made an address on the educational to put a stop to the whole matter, but work of the church. Several partial re-Rev. Joseph Hall said the peace of the ports of the committees were received conference had been broken and if it and in some cases referred back to compersisted in ignoring Mr. Baer's rights mittees for alteration or amendment. wished to warn them that it would The report of the committee on temperance caused some discussion in respect to a clause proposing to memorialize the

provincial government to grant that a plebiscite may be taken on the question of prohibition in this province. Rev. Mr. Robson was not opposed to

the plebiscite but could not see that anything would be accomplished by so memorializing. Rev. A. E. Green took an entirely op-

ter what would be the expense of a plebiscite, the province had been said to be against the enactment of a prohibito y law and a plebiscite would no doubt Rev. J. A. Wood made the same contention and said that as a matter of

principle, though it might take some time to secure the plebiscite, they ought to agitate for it, and demand it, and see where the province stood.

The hour for adjournment having ar rived, the debate was discontinued and will be resumed at next session. In the school room of the church this

afternoon at 2:30 the members and friends of the Theological Union met noon. and listened to the lecture prepared and delivered by Rev. James Turner on "The History of Methodist Missionary Work in the Interior of British Columbia." Mr. Turner's lecture was a splendid effort, replete with facts and figures from one night. competent to speak on the subject, and

delivered in the inimitable manner o well known as a characteristic of the lecturer. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the union.

From Monday's Daily.

Yesterday, like every Sunday in the eetings of an annual conference, was a red-letter day. The regular session of the conference had made provision for special services and appointed fit men to the work of the day. The conference love feast commenced at 9:30, and this time-honored Methodist practice seemed to have lost not of its old time appreciation. This was in charge of Rev. C. Ladner, of Chilliwack, and was well ut. tended. At 11 o'clock the president of the conference conducted the opening exercises of the ordination service. Rev. . R. Maitland read the first lesson, Rev. Watson led the prayers, nev. Joseph Hall read the second lesson and the ordination sermon was preached by the expresident, Rev. T. W. Hall. He chose or his text the 14th verse of second Corinthians, 5th chapter, and the sermon was an earnest, thoughtful delivery of the many important and practical lessons secration to a standard of high and holy that may be learned from the passage. David Dalton Birks and John D. P. Knox were then presented for ordination stantly under the fear of trespassing on and took upon themselves, in the hearing

so recommend that this conference impress upon all the ministers the necessity of more frequently referring to temperance subjects in the churches and Sabbath schools. A. E. GREEN. R. B. BEAVIS. Secretary.'

The hour[®] for receiving delegations rom the Women's Missionary Society, and from the W. C. T. U., was fixed at 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

The conference then proceeded to the election of a member to be appointed :0 the meeting of the general board of missions, which meets in the city of Toronto in the early autumn of the year. After five ballots Rev. J. F. Betts was elected. Some time was spent in desultory discussion on the advisability of adjourning to allow committees to work, and on of these are at work in British Colummotion it was decided that there be no session of the conference this afternooa, so that the important committees may omplete their work and have no further delay in the operation of the full confernce to-morrow.

which had been delayed pending the arrival of the members of the Simpson dis-This work was merely form i!, trict. and the final action of the conference iu the matter of the probationers recommended from that district will be reported in a later issue.

There were no sessions held this after-The important matters of the committee on church property will be completed and a further meeting of the stationing committee will be held. The conference hopes to conclude its sessions in time to adjourn finally to-morrow

From Tuesday's Daily.

There seemed to be no abatement of the interest in the mass meetings that are being held under the name of conference anniversaries. Last evening a large audience was present to show its interest' in the work of the Sabbath schools and Epworth Leagues that are under the fostering care of the Methodist church. After the usual devotional opening, which was conducted by Mr. W. T. Cooksley, the ministers and other speakers who had been programmed to address the meeting took the floor. Mr. H. Siddal, who is well known as an enthusiastic worker among the young people, made a spirited address bristling with good points and eliciting the applause of his audience. He was followed by Rev. S. J. Thompson, who is known all through the province as a delighter of the children in his addresses to schools, and Mr. Thompson put his hearers in possession of a lot of facts as to the best methods of carrying on the work among the young. Rev. J. P. Hicks gave a short but excellent address on Epworth League work. Though there was no complaint last night, it is a general feeling that three speakers are too many for an evening, and as they are each of them coneach other's time, the results are not like-

worker, seconded a resolution expressing dering the vote, took occasion to express his appreciation of the important field of work so successfully covered by the organization.

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On the deputation retiring another was brought in. Rev. C. M. Tate led in a bevy of ladies, purporting to be a delegation from the provincial branch of the Women's Missionary Society, new in session in another part of the church. When these ladies took their seats in the conference bounds they were by far the

better half" of the conference. Miss Bowes took the platform and delivered the greetings of the society. She said among other good things that the Women's Missionary Society has 572 auxiliaries in the Dominion. These are centres of effort, from which centre each member is supposed to be a radius. The scciety supports 33 missionaries and 9 bia. 7 among the Indians and two among the Chinese in the mission here. Besides these there are sixteen in Japan, five in the French work in the province of Que bec and three in China. The auxiliaries in the Dominion last year raised \$43,-At the close of the general session 822. Miss Bowes pointed out that there there was a special session of the minis- | is no real distinction between the work ters to take up the work of that session of the Methodist missionary society in general and the W. M. S. and there is

no clash and no friction in the relations existing between the two. Rev. W. W. Baer moved, and Rev. A. N. Miller seconded, that this conference congratulate the W. M. S. on the success of their work and expresses its ap preciation of the devotion with which the

women of our church give themselves to the prosecution of this important branch of missionary effort. The resolution was carried with standing applause. The meeting adjourned at 12.

From Wednesday's Daily.

'The sustentation fund committee of the conference brought in its report as soon as the session was opened. It announces the amount of the deficiencies in the salaries of domestic missionaries in B. tish Columbia for the past year to be \$5014.00 and against this amount there had been collected in the conference the sim of \$345.50 This amount was so distributed as to slightly augment the salaries of the heaviest sufferers, the chief items being as follows: Rev. J. Kubson, \$50; Rev. S. J. Thompson, \$40; Rev. A. E. Green, \$30; Rev. William Hicks, \$50; Rev. E. E. Hardwick, \$50; Rev. W. D. Misener, \$35; Rev. James Hicks, \$40; Rev. Roland Williams, \$5; The report also recommended the appointment of T. R. Pearson as treasurer or the ensuing year. The board of examiners of the confer-

ence, who have the arrangement of the annual examination of the probationers for the ministry, reported a few slight changes in the personnel of the board, and also that the next annual examination will be held in the Homer street Methodist church, Vancouver, on the second Wednesday in April, 1896. It also reported that W. J. Stone, William Hicks and Elihu Manuel had been granted supplementary examinations and had passed in all the subjects, and their report, with the various recommendations,

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oola, May 2.-The first appearimmer has now reached Bella he weather is nice and warns, bushes are in blossom and the putting on their summer suits. playing and the birds dates tops.

lers are very busy. Some are and some are preparing their receive their wives and childare expected to arrive in a day

layton is doing a grand piece long the river in front of his he river from time to time has ing away a large portion of out Mr. Clayton has made up hat this ravage upon his land ne to a stop, so he set a crew to work building a dyke, and nearly completed a work that pleased with and everybody The dyke is built of logs laid of the other along the bank. pieces on to the bank, and with stone and gravel. The ing to be both efficient and The plan is well adapted for y, where the river is so apt

AGED MINERS RETURN.

Reported as becoming Scarce in the Yukon.

nsend. May 14.-The steamer rived from Southwestern Ailight, having on board a numers who were going to the Yubut on reaching the divide ...f mountains because discour e returning home. some of g to the glistening snow, went eady provisions are becoming the miners anticipate great on reaching the mines.

the hair begins to fall out or the scalp needs doctoring. ow of no better specific than etable Sicilian Hair Renewer. Clark has been awarded the a handsome residence to be Mr. P. Hickey at the corner nd Bellot streets.

From Saturday's Daily. Before taking up the business ordered

for Friday afternoon, Rev. W. W. Baer rose to a question of privilege and said that as he had already intimated he had lution introduced by Rev. Robson, in cal, full of good points and decidedly which the conference by implication put a ban upon his conduct. He did not like to be compelled to take the action he was taking, but stated that it was a matter of good will now between him and some of the other ministers, and he did not wish to proceed further in the sessions of the conference without having matters cleared up. He therefore moved the conference to appoint a committee before whom statements could be made, and who should have power to call for persons and hear their evidence, and after doing so to report the whole matter to the conference. Some of the other ministers deprecated

the fact that so much capital should be made against Mr. Robson, and argued that the resolution being passed was no ister. longer the action of Mr. Robson, but that of the conference. Rev. C. Watson took the ground that the introduction of the resolution (that of Mr. Robson) was an exceedingly questionable proceeding, and though Mr. Robson might disclaim any special object, yet in the minds of all right-thinking people the resolution could not but be considered a piece of political eve of an election, and not being a resolution which could have served any good in the same way that Mr. Robson possibly meant it.

Mr. E. Odlum sought to extricate Mr. Robson from his position as a "target" by moving a resolution, which, if carried, would have transferred the responsibility for action from the supporters of the resolution to Mr. Baer and those who thought as he did. Mr. Robson opposed the formation of a committee and declared he could not be expected to go before them and tell what his real motives were.

Rev. Mr. Baer made a fifteen minutes' from the journals. speech in which he set for his reasons for desiring a committee. If the confer- it was out of order, still it was an act to co-operate with all other Christian ence preferred it he would make his state- of the conference, and unless the confer- bodies in bringing to an end the iniquiment on the open floor, but he would like ence rescinded its former action by a re- tous traffic. During the year, however, to advise them that if he were forced to solution he would be obliged to object. crimes have been committed, traceable ing to the non-existence of woman suffto so the conference would find itself in- Rev. R. R. Maitland moved: "That this volved in complications that would re- conference rescind all its former resolu- whose supporters trample upon law, ordsult very unpleasantly for somebody and tions respecting this matter, including the er and justice. Intoxicating liquors have he, after showing how his name had Robson resolution, and that all reference been sold to the Indians along the coast. come to be connected with the ban of to the discussions be obliterated from the Steamboats in British Columbia waters, urged that as the conference could do the Robson resolution, said that any journals of the conference." This was having licensed bars, have sold liquor to much to help this sisterhood to obtain ance of the Glad Tidings in its work as statement alleging him to be a member of seconded and carried without a dissent- other than passengers and crew while in any clique or party in the conference, or ing vote. Many members of the confer- port, and the Sunday closing act has of soliciting votes or doing any of the ence are congratulating each other that been constantly violated. things designated in the resolution, was a report from a committee has been in "And whereas club licenses have been of the conference than Mr. Baer, and he not be conducive to the credit of the con- last year re such licenses has rot been ance work. was not at all disappointed at the results ference.

ving them into full connexion of the whole congregation, the vows of with the Methodist church. Mr. Robson was in this case a substitute for Rev. their holy office. T. Crosby, and had not a fair opportunity to prepare for the work, as no substitute to prepare for the work, as no substitute Woodsworth and C. Ladner then, by the ever has. His speech was concise, logioriginal. He depicted the character and the work of a minister and gave them work of the real gospel minister in contrast to the essayists and apologists of word of God and administer the sacrathe modern times.

Rev. C. Watson, ex-pastor of the In the afternoon at 2:30 a mass meetchurch was called upon to second the re- ing of the Sabbath school, its officers and solution, and when he rose to speak he friends was held and stirring addresses was received with rounds of applause. were delivered by Rev. J. Robson, B. A., The welcome back from his former peo- and S. S. Osterhout. At 4 o'clock the ple and the evident heartiness must have opening meeting of the Women's Misbeen very comforting to him after his sionary Society was held, and Rev. Jus. two years' absence from the pulpit of the Woodsworth, superintendent of mischurch. He was, perhaps, never heard | sions, together with Mrs. Coulter of New with more telling effect, and a summary Westminster, an enthusiastic worker in of his speech is impossible. It contained the ranks of this society, made interestmany points of practical and forcible sug- ing addresses.

gestions to the young ministers, as well In the evening at 7 the sermon was as the enunciation of philosophical prin- preached by Rev. James Woodsworth, ciples necessary to every Christian min- and was followed by the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper,

At the close of his address the vote of under the direction of the conference the conference was taken and the two president. A large number of communiyoung ministers welcomed into the ranks cants took part in this beautiful service. Tate, A. J. McLellan, John Robson, B. of the ministry of the Methodist church. The enthusiasm of the morning session The meeting opened at the usual hour, was cheering and the arrival of the and after a few preliminary items had members of the Port Simpson district been before the conference, the president, was the signal for an outburst of grati-Rev. S. Cleaver, rose to state that he had tude. Rev. Thomas Crosby was called conferred with the ex-president, Rev. T. | to the platform to make a statement of nanoeuvering. Coming as it did on the W. Hall, in regard to the work of the the experiences of the passengers on the committee appointed to hear the charges Glad Tidings and the cause of the delay. affecting members of the conference by After hearing the statement (which appurpose it was impossible to think of it Mr. Robson's resolution. The ex-presi- pears in our report of the accident), the dent was prepared to say that the reso- conference expressing its gratitude that the Dominion government, for its promptlution was a surprise to him when it was the accident and delay was not more se-

introduced into the conference on Thurs- rious, proceeded to receive reports of day morning, and he had been privileged | committees. The report of the temperto give the matter a little consideration ance committee, which was on Saturday he would have been prepared to rule it referred back, was then heard in its entirely out of order. Mr. Cleaver amended condition and passed as folthought no good could be accomplished by lows:

carrying the matter any further, and "Your committee on temperance report since it was distinctly understood that with gratification that we record the Mr. Robson's resolution was out of order, great change that has taken place in he hoped the conference would, without public sentiment on the temperance quesdebate, drop the whole subject and per- tion during the last few years. Wa mit all reference to it to be obliterated agree with Hon. Neal Dow that "what

cannot be mended must be ended," and Rev. Joseph Hall objected, that though as a church we re-affirm out willingness directly or indirectly to the liquor traffic,

an unmitigated slander. No one had this way avoided, as such must necessar- granted in rural districts, your commit- continued co-operation of the members | a detailed statement of the expenses inmore respect to-day for the chief officers ily appear upon the minutes; and would tee regret that the recommendation of of the conference in aggressive tempercarried out. We recommend that this Rev. S. J. Thompson moved, and Rev. on the boat, and other details as to re-

to be as good as when a couple feel themselves responsible for the evening's

Rev. S. Cleaver, as-The conference opened at 9:15 this morning, and after formal routine work imposition of hands, ordained them to received the second report of the board of directors of Columbian Methodist College. This report, which refers chiefly to the question of raising immediately the amount of money required to pay off the back indebtedness and furnish the sinews of war for a building scheme, urges on the ministers and laymen who are members of the conference to take action among the various circuits and missions as soon as they return home. It also appoints the board of directors for the ensuing year, which is as follows: Rev. S. Cleaver, M.A., Rev. T. W. Hall, Rev. Jas. H. White (secretary), Rev. R. Whittington. M.A., B.Sc., Rev. J. F. Betts, Rev. E. Robson, Rev. A. E. Green, Rev. Robt. R. Maitland, L.L.B., Rev. Thos. Crosby, Jas. Cunningham, Hon. D. H. Wilson, M.P., Edward Odlum, D. S. Cartis, A. E. Rand, D. Spencer, R. W. Harris, M.A., G. R. Ashwell, A. C. Wells, S. Gough, D. Robson, T. R. Pearson. T. A. Sharp, John Jessop, C. N. A., J. I. Johnston, W. T. Cooksley, J. N. Tuttle.

A letter was received from the management of the C. P. N. Company, enclosing a small bill for the services of the steamer Maude in the search for the Glad Tidings. On vote the conference expressed its appreciation of the generous liberality of the C. P. N. Company, and sko. through the Indian department, to

ness in placing at the disposal of the conference a steamer with which to go to the rescue. Some discussion was then engaged in

and questions asked the chair respecting the suitable distribution of the superanmuted ministers' fund assessments, occupving the time till 11 o'clock, the hour which had been fixed to receive deputa-

tions from outside societies. Rev. C. M. Tate then introduced some iadies headed by Mrs. G. Grant, who was the spokeswoman for the occasion and delivered the address. She expressed her appreciation of the noble band of workers before her, who had always been faithful in the advocacy of the cause which her organization prosecuted. Owrage, she said it was impossible for the organization to join hands with the conference in as effectual a way to banish the liquor traffic as they could wish. She

tions to the local and Dominion houses, opposition, and was at last referred back which petitions would be circulated during the noon hour. She requested the mittee might bring before the conference

was adopted by the conference The report of the committee on educa-

tion showed a balance on hand from last year, which. with the receipts from the various districts made a total of \$135.50. The committee recommended that A. K. Sharp, James Hicks, and E. V. Smith be sent to college, the first two named to Columbian Methodist College at New Westminster and the latter at the Wesleyan Theological College, of Montreal. After paying the expenses of the conference for the past year there was a balance on hand of \$117, which was ordered to be equally divided among the students above named as aid to college. The committee further recommended that a Sabbath be set apart for the presentation of the claims of our educational work in all the circuits and missions of the conference not later than the 31st of October next, and that subscriptions and collections be taken in aid of the same. As the general conference has permitted the British Columbia conference to retain its collections for its own use the committee recommend that all such receints be divided between the conference educational fund and Columbian Methodist College in the proportion of 20 per n⁺, to the former and 80 per cent. to the latter. John Jessop, Victoria, was

made treasurer of the said fund. An invitation from the board of the Central Methodist church, of New Westminster, to hold the next meeting of the conference in that city, was received, and on motion, it was accepted, and the date fixed as the third Thursday in the month of May, 1896.

The report of the committee on missions, which has been delayed owing to the long absence of the members of the Simpson district, being partially ready, was then taken up. The first clauses refer almost exclusively to the matter of the correspondence between the general secretary, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, and the officers of this conference during the past year, and are of little interest to the public. The report, however, calls attention to the difference in the cost of living, in travelling expenses, etc., in the province of British Columbia in comparison with the Eastern provinces, and recommends a reconsideration of the basis of salary as adjusted between the eastern and western work. A clause also refers to the advisability of moving the Chinese missionaries from station to station, as is the practice in vogue with Methodist ministers, and recommends that such change be made.

The clause remommending the continuthe franchise, it do so by signing peti- a missionary steamer was met with some to the committee in order that the comcurred in running the steamer, the work she does, the number of men employed