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THE UNKNOWN GOD.

years ago, to stake out the limits of the search for a Methodist minister, sure of obknowable, or to show what could and what taining guidance, prompt and energetic in could not be certainly known. Outside those this emergency. A reverend man was limits he placed the Deity, if there be one, found. After taking in fully the situation during the year, and bring in their reports concerning whose nature, he thought in- of our party, he deliberately stroked his at Sheffield in 1875. Want of time made quiry must ever result in uncertainty and venerable beard and expressed his opinion. disappointment. Before his day and since He had never been sick himself, not he! it has been the practice of philosophers to Though thirty-eight years in the ministry speculate much upon the nature of God, to he had never employed a doctor, and never little purpose. Systems of natural religion intended to. But he believed there was a were frequently formed and shaped out so man round the corner who did some doctordexterously as to seem a very excellent ing. Was it the intention of the party to substitute for revealed religion. Many ac- remain over Sunday? If so, would they cepted them as such, and argued that, as preach for him? All this with a strong we can gather so much of the nature and worth of Ireland accent. The messenger Church who do not meet in class and the will of the Deity from the constitution of retired not a little perplexed and indignant; terms of their admission to the Sacrament the universe, we do not need a revelation. the doctor prescribed and restored his pa-It was quite overlooked by the advocates tient: the parson of Albany doubtless of these systems, that the principle doctrines stroked his venerable beard once more, and of them were borrowed from the Bible, that betook himself to his Albany comforts. their authors were eclectics not inventors, moved only by one consideration—that he that their minds were already imbued with tailed to get clear of a Sunday appointment. the morals of Scripture, and that they had This transatlantic air has surely some transbecome familiarized with the doctrines of forming influence upon human nature; for the divine unity and the immortality of the how otherwise could the warm-hearted Irishman, whose hospitality is proverbial,

But "the world by wisdom knew not thus become a heartless priest "walking God." Kant was right. He did not de down the other side" while his neighbor scientists of to-day But it seems that the way? the statement made to the Corinthians quiring a fullday, though travelling at great the young people of Methodism.—The intinctly affirm that their philosophy teaches preaching once more. Two features prethe n nothing about God, his nature, or sented themselves which to us were more even his existence. They construct their objectionable than ever; the manuscript and finally a Committee comprised of our systems without him, -a pure materialism and the quartette choir. Hampered by a very ablest men is appointed to confer with indeed teach dogmatic atheism. They ten sentence as to life itself, there was no paration of a new Hymn Book for the Condo not affirm that there is no God. But spontaneity and little old-fashioned Methothey say "we know not any," and so thodist fire on the part of the minister. And science has had its say out, and confessed its what little soul was left in the worshippers ignorance on a point most vital to human was almost sure to be extinguished before interest. It is time for some one else to the close of the service by the simperings

Theologians, long ago, based an argument for the necessity of a revelation upon our fathers! the impossibility of knowing God from nature. They appealed to history. They showed the grotesque and absurd notions of Deity held in ages and lands when and grave questions of morality, arising out of ignorance of God; and they cited the uncertainty which enwrapped other matters of momentous importance. If then, it was rightly argued, man by searching cannot find out God, there is strong presumption that God will reveal himself, make known his nature, and exhibit his government, nay, that he has done so, and that the Bible is a divine communication. It used to be considered a sufficient reply to all this. that the world is wiser now, and more capable of discovering those great and mysterious truths. But it seems, from the confessions of to-day that man is as incapable as ever.

known God' was inscribed upon a Grecian brow of some immense giant, we found a Altar; long since the great Apostle declar- path at length leading to and behind the their men has almost died out, the victory ed him whom those Greeks ignorantly wor-thundering cataract. Thither we proceed to a large extent, being on the side of the shipped. We have been accustomed to ed. And now, what of Niagara? The masters. The men in many instances were think that Paul's words carried a kind of conviction with them, and that, now, after received of God through His works, we rethe lapse of eighteen centuries, the eternal ceived there and then. Words can never power and Godhead of Jehovah, his wis- express what one feels at such times. Perknown. But it would seem from one of and more advanced state suited to a true at all, we must place upon our altars the old Athenian inscription, and worship we but with our present capabilities, silence It is not possible for the agricultural labor-

If we can gather any thing from the genius and song. writings of these men, it is the government of God they hate. A divine Ruler taking cognizance of human actions is an uncom fortable idea. A God who "will bring every work into judgment " cannot be tolferences. An ex-Governor elevated to the reliant. erated A punisher of sin must be dis- Chair, pro tem! Lawyers, leading mermissed from the government of the uni-

partial hand. Happy they who can des-27.) to whom

" Faith lends its realizing light " Invisible to view.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

with any degree of justice. Beyond any-authoritative strength, he will require one The amendment prevailed. The interven thing we have ever seen are two or three or two veteran High Sheriffs to hold the ing time passed in pleasant social interof its choicest landscapes "Oh, let us go assembly well in awe. The first day was course. ashore here," was on every one's lips spent in clearing away masses of such con-Nestling in among the trees, heavy hills for ferential underbrush as usually confronts their back ground and that grand river at all pioneers. After this, we have every

tually satiated with natural splendors.

teamer in proceeding West, we have but one well-defined recollection. A member of our little party succumbed to the fatigue, heat and changefulness of our journey. A doctor's advice was necessary. In the It pleased Immanuel Kaut, some ninety warmth of his sympathy, one proceeded to

sign to agree with S. Paul; neither do the lies bruised, and distressed, by the highhighest reach of modern science confirms From Albany to Buffalo is a long ride, revenders. O, let us back to the fervour of livered an inaugural address of remarkable

Niagara! Most of our readers will excan only say that, on first view, the cataract seemed to us a pitiable affair over things, of matter and of life, but did not which to exhaust the sentiment of all peo- satisfy the craving of the soul by any asple and all ages,-that, in short, it was a sertion that He who in the far dim distance shoddy piece of scenery. But as we crossed the Suspension bridge at a height of some skill and learning of the renowned Professtwo hundred and fifty feet from the river, or, he does not appear inclined to lead any and threaded our way along the Canadian new crusade against the religious world, banks, stopping here and there to take a from his far reaching and profound investiglance around, the Falls began to grow upon us. In an hour or so our chest began ciation has been of practical utility in many to expand unconsciously till we found our- of the requirements of life, and its whole selves breathing faster and deeper than usual. Climbing to the face of the cliff, and old couclusions demand fresh enquiry stood by ten or fifteen feet, and seemed and scholar. It is a long time since "To the Un- manifed with heavy tresses of ivy, like the most awfully impressive revelation we ever dom, justice and benevolence were well haps there may be a language in the other payments to the locked-out men, placing our philosophers, that if we are to worship communication of those emotions which as assisted emigrants. Many hundreds are

To day (Wednesday) we are in the first stages of General Conference proceedings. There is a marked difference, one sees im mediately, between this and ordinary Conchants, mechanics, bankers, farmers,here they are in scores, mixed with most It is easy to dismiss God from a system delightful disregard of all proprieties of all kinds of grain. It ripened rapidly and tollowing as the results which they had at of philosophy; it is difficult to overture olden time, and bringing their strength of early. The past summer having been un-His throne It does not annihilate the intellect to bear on the affairs of our Church. usually dry and hot, the harvest came on Deity to disbelieve His existence. He lives It seems but as yesterday that we gave nowhether he has a place in science or not. tice of motion in a Charlottetown Confer-His government is a fact though silly man ence for opening the doors of our annual may dismiss it as a fable. The universe is Conference to the public. That resolution His Kingdom though man declare, "we actually lay on the table for six years, so will not have him to reign over us." His fearful were we of losing its object by revelation may be rejected, his mercy despised, his commands disobeyed, his warn-discussion. And now, here we are with ings disregarded. But his righteous goverument moves on in its wise and benefi- June bees into a choice garden! Thank cient murch through the ages, dispensing God. There is no mistaking the ability of blessings and penalties with a just and imment they more than justified the opinions pise the negations of philosophy. Who of those who legislated to admit the laity have seen "the glory of God in the face into this chief council of our Church. Our of Jesus Christ," to whom the Father has own ex-Governor Wilmot, Dr. Allison, been revealed by the Son. (Matt. XI: Hon. S. L. Shannon, and others took high ground immediately as wise and eloquent men. It was specially refreshing to hear dispersing the shadows and bringing the Mr. Wilmot rasping off the sharp edges of old torvism, as it quibbled and haggled over technicalities, to the serious loss of good men's time and temper. Dr. Ryerson's speech on taking the chair was very There is a charm about the scenery of graceful; but in the absence of that executhe Hudson River which no pen can treat tive experience which gives a Chairman

stance was on a little island, joined to the His introduction was that of a brother returnmain by a parrow and pictures que strip of ed to his brethren rather than of a stranger

that the Conference should vote by show of Smith, who had for many years taken great with gleams of delicate humor, conveyed hands, and not by ayes and noes, as he perinterest in all the affairs of the Methodist the acknowledgments of the N. C. Church, and he was therefore most happy land, everything seeming to lend inspirato strangers. We are cherishing great exwas unanimously elected Secretary, protem, land, everything seeming to lend inspirato strangers. We are cherishing great extion to the beholder. As one-wonder pass- pectations from his speeches and sermons. ed another appeared, till the vision was ac- Dr. Sargeant from the M. E. Church South, is also here. One of the sweetest of men lection .-Of A bany, where tourists leave the in temper, and most popular as a visitor.

Correspondence.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

"WORK FOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEES." DEAR MR. EDITOR,-The late Conference has remitted an unusually large num-ber of important questions to the considera-the bereavement of the afflicted parent. ber of important questions to the consideration of Committees, which are to meet this mode of dealing with business, an only alternative; but a desire to gain time for enquiry and full consultation, and avoidance of hasty and immature legislation, led the Conference to entrust many questions to the safe keeping ot its special Committees for another year. The mere enumeration of those question

will reveal the extent of work which is opening up for the Conference of the future. The relation of those to the Wesleyan of the Lord's Supper -The question of voting by ballot in Conference, and so vot ng as to secure for the elected a real majority of the votes which are given .- The nperance question, and especially in regard to the formation of a Connexional Temperance Society .- The revision of the turgy and book of offices so as to ensure e removal of all questionable and Romanising phraseology.—Constitution of the Committees of Review assembling before Conference; and especially a proposal to have but one Committee to whom all the business proper to such a body is to be submitted.-The whole question of Lay Delegation and Representation in the Parent onference, in the Irish and French Conferences, and in the Annual District Meetings -The pastoral oversight and care of eighteen centuries ago. The apostles of modern science, Spencer and Tyndall, discontact with American preachers and Woodhouse Grove schools, as to site. equality, and mode of Government -The relation of the Children's Fund, and that for the support of the schools above named, with no efficient cause. They do not most slavish habit of clinging to each writ- the London Book Committee on the pre-

" THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION."

This distinguished society of philosophers and eminent men has met at Belfast, and has secured even more than its accustomed share of public attention. Its President and vocal contortions of these paid music- for the year is Professor Tyndall, who detions of Biblical truths and untrammelled by fixed theories. He led his hearwhich overhung the crags where we and more elaborate study from the student

"THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS." The controversy between the farmers and compelled to renounce their connection with the union and give up their tickets of membership It was found that plenty of men could be secured for harvest work, and the Executive determined to stop its weekly pefore them the alternatives of seeking work in other localities or leaving the country sweep over the soul, vast as Niagara itself; now on their way to Queensland or Canada becomes all save the gifted children of er to slip back into the abject and degraded position in which they were found when his agitation began. Their condition has been materially improved. The work accomplished by Mr. Arch and his co-workers has been decidedly beneficial, and yet took the blame of this mishap upon himself greater results will follow as the working and was necessitated to ask the Confer nen become better educated and more self-

"THE HARVEST OF 1874"

Is pronounced to be an excellent one, full Chairman rose to read the result all were in quantity and superior in the quality of hushed in a moment. He announced the early and was secured in a very short time. The hay crops were light and suffered much from the protracted drought. The votes which made the entire ballot just the root crops are now receiving assistance from same as before, viz., 162; 82 were there-"the latter rains," and may yet recover fore required to secure an election, and as from the effects of the heat and drought. but the Corn Harvest is secured and is so cast in his favor, the Chairman announced good that men's fears are relieved, and general thanksgivings are being offered everywhere to the Great Lord of the harvest.

September 14, 1874.

Miscellaneous.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST dent cheer after cheer. GENERAL CONFERENCE. OF THE UNITED WESLEYAN METHODIST

> CHURCH OF CANADA. FIRST DAY.

A majority of the members of Conference were in their places at nine o'clock As no hour had been appoin ed for the opening of the Conference, the Rev. R ones moved that it open at nine, and Dr effers moved in amendment that inasmuch as the Annual Conferences sometimes had not opened till ten, that that be the hour

At the hour of ten o'clock, Sheriff

pro tem.

The 37th hymn of the Wesleyan col-

was then heartily sung; the Chairman read

the 122nd Psalm, and the Rev. Dr. Jeffers led in prayer. delegates, W. W. Dalgleish, Esq., that his son had been drowned last night. The sad intelligence was announced to the Confer-

Some degree of misapprehension existed as to the mode of organizing and proceeding to the business of the Conference. A short discussion on the subject took place, in which Dr. Pickard, Judge Deacon, Rev. James Gray, Dr. Rice and others took part.

The Chairman hereupon, in a playful peech, remarked that he thought they were hypercritical in anticipating the difficulties to which reference had been made. They were not a set of sharpers but a company of Christian gentlemen. There was no fear of any unauthorised person thrusting himself upon their deliberations. If any one did so he would be detected at once. Every man there was a moral policeman. He recommended the utmost liberalty of interpretation of the constitution consistent with the legal organization of the Confer-

It was finally agreed that the Secretary read from the Minutes of the old Wesleyan Conference the names of the delegates apcointed to this Conference, and the Revs. D. Savage, J. McMurray, H. Pope, junr., and G. S. Milligan, M. A., Presidents respectively of the New Connexion, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfound land Conferences, read the names of the delegates from these bodies. The Rev. Dr. Rice moved that these

persons whose names are now read be the accepted Delegates and constitute the Con-Dr. Green moved that the Roll be called and that the members respond to their

The names were then called and a very large majority of the members found to be After singing part of a hymn, Dr. Douglas engaged in prayer, and the Conference adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Precisely at 2 o'clock, the Chairman of Hymn, which was sung, and the Rev. D.

Savage led in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed. Rev. J. A. Williams called for the exact number of the delegates to be announced so that it could be known whether deepest attention by all classes of thinkers and every section of theologians. It is it was not easy to answer the question which was that the Secretary had not yet ad- Annual Conference, to be chosen by the pect a description of it This is the fashion in writing for journals. Well, in that all scientific investigations be regard to Niagara, we are restrained by pursued without reference to received exballots were being distributed it was clear ever he was not afraid of work, and as he had ber and composition of such Committees, documents authorizing the Union and the that there was no small amount of anxiety got an able staff of assistants he would throw and III. The persons of whom they shall assembling of the Conference, be handed as to who should be the successful Candidate. all upon them that he could, and even then, severally be composed." At the first ballot, the numbers stood thus, he was not afraid but that there would be Dr. Ryerson, 63; Dr. Rice, 48; Dr. Douglas, 40; Dr. Wood, 6;. A few others scattering, with these, made the total number of votes cast to be 160; 81 votes were requisite for an election, and as no candilate had received this number, the work of all that would be required, but he would name balloting was again gone through. Some of the members of the Conference thought Itinerancy, Publishing Interests, Missions, he Chair should decide as to which of the Education. He would suggest that two memnames should no w be considered as proper- bers from each conterence should be nominated y being before the house; but, the honor- by the members of the respective Conference, able Chairman, in reply said, it was the to compose the committees, as the Conference business of the Conference to drop or ele- would be the best judges as to which of their o'clock a few verses were sung, the bene- John Macdonald, R. Wilkes, M. P., and vate as they may see fit, and called upon members were most suitable for them them to proceed with their business. The Ray, I. B Howard seconded the motion and result of the second ballot was Dr. Ryerson expressed the hope that all the members of the 79 : Dr. Rice, 51; Dr. Douglas, 30; a General Conference would be appointed to one few others received one or two votes each, or more committees, and also, that there should which made the total number of votes to be be a large nominating committee. 162, so that the successful candidate must ecure 82 votes. It was therefore the Chairman's duty to again call upon the which he thought, would be considered more Conference to proceed as before, hoping hat a successful vote would then be secured He, the Chairman, was not anxious to re-

main where he was any longer than he could help, he said, but, as the Conference Rice, Dr. Green and others, that it was out placed him there he must if they pleased remove him with as little delay as possible. As the third ballot was being proceeded with a somewhat amusing scene occured One of the collectors had emptied his ballots on the table, when by a strange mishap the ballots got into the waste-paper basket. The Chairman in a very pleasant manner ence to ballot over again. He expressed himself as being sorry, but nobody was disposed to censure him. Ballot was next session. again the order of the day, and when the

last reached, which was the end of this Dr. Rice intimated that some of the lay important business Dr. Ryerson, 89 Dr. Rice, 64; Dr. Douglas, 7. There were as before several scattering the venerable Dr Ryerson had 89 ballots

of applause with which he was received.

and asked the Con.erence to grant him a

that that gentleman was duly elected Presideut of the First General Conference of the United Wesleyan Methodist Church of this Conterence, that there should be no al-Canada. The announcement was received with loud cheers. At the request of Hon. Judge Wilmot, Dr. Ryerson ascended the

platform and took the chair of the Conerence. All the members of the Confer-The doxology was sung, the President ence rose to their feet and gave the Presi-The venerable erence adjourned. Doctor was greatly affected at this outburst

At 9 o'clock the President took the few moments' indulgence, during which chair and announced the 374th hymn;

A considerable time was then taken up read and confirmed. in discussing the question as to whether Judge Deacon, as Secretary, read the re- At a period when iniquity abounds, when Island), we felt that though all eyes might be

their back ground and that grand river at the process and the grand river at the process and the paradise became their feet, were the homes of Authors, Prohope, there will be every facility for forthe motion passed unanimously, being and others were of opinion that the Conterguished brethren from afar; he would take the paradise beyond.
The motion passed unanimously, being and others were of opinion that the Conterguished brethren from afar; he would take the pleasure of introducing first, Rev. Germighty agencies and institutions, and the ap-

etent for the office now to be filled.

Rev. D. D. Currie also wanted to speak, course, Mr. S. referred to Dr. Punshon, and historic associations of Nova Scotia be petent for the office now to be filled. as he had heard his name mentioned in con- and the reference was well understood by soon forgotten. nection with the Secretariat; he reminded the Conference, who greatly cheered the Bishop Peck is a grand specimen of the Conference that he came from the East, announcement. Mr. S. said he hoped that man. Huge in frame, with massive head where for several months in the year they he would have the opportunity to address deep chested voice, and magnetic spell of were shut up with frost and snow, and as them at great length whenever the Conferhe believed the Secretary would have to ence should see fit to give him the opportupass through the press a new and revised discipline, he was of opinion that the Secdiscipline, he was of opinion that the Sec-

retary should at all events live in Ontario. Mr. Smith was introduced and was most now saw him for the first time in the flesh. Mr. Currie was repeatedly greeted with cordially received.

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The President stated that it gave him much pleasure to introduce to the Confermance Minimuch pleasure to the Confermance Minimuch pleasure to introduce to the Confermance Minimuch pleasure to the Confermance Min

with, which was done, when it was found States. The Conference in Canada had spoke with generous enthusiasm of the reli that the vote stood thus: A. Sutherland, often been under obligation to the Methodist gious history and religious needs of that 32; Dr. Pickard, 21; W. Scott, 6; D. D. Episcopal Church in the United States, and island It will henceforth have stronger Currie, 75. There were a few others though the brother who was about to be hold on our sympathy than it ever had whose names we did not catch, but 157 introduced, was not here as a representa- before. votes were cast, consequently 79 votes were tive, he was not the less welcome on that The Hon. Judge Wilmot's speech fairly required to secure an election, and, as the account. He called the Rev. Thomas Sar-carried away the audience. The flashes of highest number did not reach th s, the proclamation, "no election," was again an-Again the ballot papers were distributed dressed the Conference a few minutes in a such as we seldom enjoy. It was an inspinounced. and again they were counted, when it was most pleasant and animating strain The ration to duty, to iscreased devotion to ascertained to the joy of the whole Confer. Doctor gave some pleasing reminiscences Queen and country, and to God.

ence that the election was at last successful, respecting his visit to Canada fourteen for Rev. D D. Currie had received 127 years ago, and to England and Ireland uttered in singularly felicitous Scripture votes, leaving only 25 votes for the other many years ago as the companion of Bishop language his apostolical greeting. After candidates. Mr. Currie was therefore de Soule and Rev. J. Sewall as representatives singing right loyally the national authem, clared to be duly elected, and accordingly to the Euglish Conference. He was cer- Dr. Green pronounced the benediction, and took his place on the platform on the left tain that he would have much pleasure in one of the most enjoyable evenings we ever hand of the President. On motion of Rev. A. Sutherland, the

Secretary of the Conference nominated the lections of his visit to this first General following as his co-workers in the Secretar-Conference.

Dr. Pickard introduced the resolution of iat : Rev

sing a few verses of the 500th hymn, and terence the Rev. G. Milligan led in prayer, after "Whereas it is expedient that all matwhich the President delivered his inaugural ters which are to engage the deliberations the morning session, Hon. Judge Wilmot, with marked attention, and was again and in committee and reported upon before they Smith, B. A., representative for the British took the Chair and ansounced the 485th again loudly cheered. Dr. R. evidently are brought up in open Conference for dis-General Conference.

address:-Dr Pickard was about to introduce a reso-

plenty for him to do. Dr. Pickard then read the list of Commit tees that he supposed would be absolutely United Wesleyan Church, to the Methodist Dr Green, J. A. Williams, Dr. Douglas, necessary in order to expedite buisness; he Church of Canada." did not however suppose that these would be the following for the present: Discipline,

Rev. J. Gray read a resolution which be desired to be considered as a notice of motion suitable than that of Dr. P., as his resolution provided as to how the nominating committee should be elected. He was proceeding to speak of order to speak in favor of a resolution, of which notice was only then being given. The

whole was therefore laid over. Rev, G H. Davis moved a resolution hat a committee consisting of Hon. Judge Wilmot, Hon. Mr. Shannon, Judge Deacon. G. R. Sanderson, and the mover, be apof Conference. The motion was carried

On motion of Rev. W. H. Poole, the 12 noon.

members elected from the Montreal Con- of the important speeches delivered. We can to swell the death-roll in this city. that the laymen now present from that ences had elected alternates.

Dr. Douglas and others thought this motion was incorrect. The matter was laid

SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

tary, after which he would briefly address the Rev. W. Tindal led in prayer. The minutes of the previous session were

there should be one Secretary, or a Cleri- port of the Committee which had been ap- gilded vice flaunts her attractions, and when suffused with tears, upon this occasion that cal and Lay Secretary. While there was pointed to draw up rules of order for the ritualism and heresy endeavor to corrupt the no tears however many and that no symptom division of opinion on this question, regulation of business to come before the truth of God, it is well to welcome men who thy however deep, could fill the void left in that which called forth a great number of Conference. The document was ably rally round the old Bible doctrines, and who desolate household. May the God of all conspeeches, several thought that the time was drawn up and elicited much discussion. will discharge their duty to the church and solation cheer those afflicted parents in this very needlessly allowed to run to waste, With some slight amendment the report the world. The times of pulling down, he season of unusual trial, and cause them by His Dr. Pickard and others with him contended that state adopted by the Conference, and that it would be better now that they had it was ordered that 200 copies be printelected a President, they should secure a ed in pamphlet form, for the use of the stably that the gates of hell shall not prevail chasteneth he leveth and those whom he re-Secretary from either the clergy or laity, Conference.

Patrick moved that ex-Governor Wilmot, and know no distinctions either of men or | The President stated that they had the | The address of Mr. Macdonald was singuof New Brunswick, take the chair, pro tem. of Conferences. Rev. N. R. Willoughby pleasure of having with them some distin-

in short of American nobility. The residence of the lady who wrote "Queechy," and "The Wide, Wide World," for in
in the Wide, Wide World," for in
in the manual control of the present gathering were resonance and the other a layman. On mo- wase Smith, M.A., the representative of the present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to the present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one present gathering were resonance and he, the President, the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one promise of fine personal appearance, and of remarks as gentleman to one promise of the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one promise of fine personal appearance, and of remarks as gentleman to the other a layman. On mo- wase Smith, M.A., the representative of the chair Mr. Wilmot, who is a gentleman to one promise of fine personal appearance, and of remarks as gentleman to one promise of fine personal appearance, and of remarks again and the other a layman. On mo- wase Smith, M.A., the representative of the present gathering were resonance.

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The Rev. D D. Savage, in an address well chosen remarks acknowledged the of the proceedings, Rev. J. Gray suggested the most delightful intercourse with Mr. that the Conference should vote by show of Smith, who had for many years taken great of chaste and elegant diction, scintillating and B Hopkins, Esq., Assistant Secretary, and could readily speak as though there to see their honored brother amongst them, for which he spoke, for the kindly hospitaliwere more saying age than really were, who it is well known has filled the office of ty of their Toronto hosts, and his personal while they could only raise one hand each. Secretary of the Euglish Conference for gratification at the widened Christian fel-The Conference agreed to act on Mr. Gray's two years. Mr. Smith was then introduced, lowship he enjoyed. suggestion. The ballots were counted, and the members of the Conference rose when as at the election of President, it was and gave the worthy representative a most the Nova Scotia Methodists. His speech found that the matter could not be disposed of as quickly as had been anticipated, for then briefly addressed the Conference, and the unwelcome announcement was made, said that he was of course glad to be here, extended to a lot of lawyers, sheriffs, and "no election." Rev. I. B. Howard sug- and he assured them that if kindly feeling other suspicious characters, against whom gested that some nominations for Secretary should be made, as many in the Conference entitled any man to occupy his present posiwere entire strangers to each other, and tion, then he claimed that there was only mouition to look out for the silver spoons consequently did not know who were com- one man in the British Conference who and plate. Nor will his eloquent description

election of Secretary must be proceeded ence an honored brother from the United ister of the Government of Newfoundland, enjoying the society of this Conference, and spent was brought to a close. that he would carry away delightful recol-

Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. J. Bredin, which he gave notice yesterday, and the Journal Secretary. The Conference ap Rev. W. S. Blackstock moved the following as an amendment, which was seconded The President desired the Conference to by Rev. J. Gray, and adopted by the Con-

position of the committees to be entrusted

Church shall be changed, from that of the Revs Dr. Pickard Dr. Jeffers, Dr. Ryerson,

Rev. F. Berry wished to give notice of a motion to amend one of the General Rules Nominating Committee was appointed to of Society, but, as this is one of the measures over which the General Conterence the number and composition of each of suc has no power, it was ruled out of order. A lengthy discussion then took place on shall severally be composed,—this com

he question of alternates which was not mittee consisting of Revs. Dr. Savage, and ettled at the hour of adjournment. At 12 Hon. J. J. Rogerson, D. Allison, L. L. D., diction was pronounced and the Conference James Scharff, Esq. adjourned until 3 o'clock.

THE WELCOME MEETING.

The meeting last night was a grand occaon. The attendance was large; the welcome right royal : the responses hearty and eloquent; the music magnificent. itting introduction of the laity of Toronto to their distinguished guests as a Conference. To those present, it will no longer be an abin defence of it, when he was reminded by Dr. straction, or a mere piece of ecclesiastical organization, but a living real personal entity, with warm loving hearts, with great thrilling thoughts, animated with a noble enthusiasm for the glory of God and the welfare of our poor convict would be saved from a life of country. We have seen in the flesh some which was ultimately adopted) to the effect whose names have long been familiar in our mouths as household words. We have heard their voices. Our hearts have responded Macdonald, Esq., Revs. Dr. Pickard, with a throb of generous sympathy to theirs. Some of us felt, as we never felt before, pointed to draft rules for the government that Canada is a nation-ne and indivisible -with grandest possibilities before it. One by acclamation, the Committee to report at feeling, that of loyalty to God and country,

animated every heart. We have already, as Mr. Wilkes remarked. hours of meeting and adjournment were brought Newfoundland in the Confederacy whom we might name some of our Church memappointed to meet at 9 a.m., and adjourn Methodistically, and it only remains for our bers, or attendants upon the ministry of the rulers to secure her political allegiance.

ference were not present in consequence of here on y make hasty comment on some of affliction, he wanted the President to rule them. The urbane Book Steward presided with grace and dignity. Dr. Ryerson, to Conference might be permitted to elect whom, with loving familarity, we like to apply some others as alternates. Some Conferthe phrase, "the old man eloquent," was in his Dr. Green and Rev. Mr. Sanderson speech. He pronounced a grand eulogy on caresses and loving arms of attached parents. hought that it had been decided by the the glorious liberty, civil and religious, that The afflictions previously allotted to members Committee who drafted the constitution for we enjoy. He reminded us that it was not of this family, had tended to beget in this comference on the ground of our common Methositting together in heavenly places in Christ pronounced the benediction, and the Con- Jesus. He shook hands with them all in his

The speech of R. Wilkes, Esq., M.P., was philosophic, thoughtful, statesmau-like, instructive. He paid a graceful compliment they might proceed to the election of Secre- the Secretary read the 97th psalm, and to the varied attainments in theology and litagainst us.

fessors, Millionaries, Scientists, Senators, warding the important business of the Con- from Eastern British America. On taking clerical and the other a layman. On mo, vase Smith, M.A., the representative of the plication to the present gathering were re-

through his books, and regarding him with His thoughts, like himself, as a lady pre-

cordial reception. Dr. Sargent then ad- words of wisdom, made up an ensemble

Dear Dr. E Sargeant, out of a full hear

From the St. John Telegraph. UNITED METHODIST CONFER-ENCE.

SECOND DAT'S PROCEEDINGS. On Thursday, Judge Deacon, from the special committee, reported the standing rules of order, which were received and address, during which he was listened to of the Conterence be carefully considered ordered to be printed. Rev. Gervase Conference: his travelling companion, also lives in the affections of the members of the cussion, and whereas the number and com- a member of the British Conferance, Rev. Wm. H. Cornforth: and Ray. De The substance of the President's address, with this work is a matter of very great Sargent, of the General Conference of the will be found on our first page. After the importance, and, one, moreover, in which Methodist Episcopal Church in the United all the Annual Conferences are greatly in- States, were invited to seats in the Conferterested, therefore, Resolved 1. That a ence and delivered brief addresses. Re-Committee on Nominations shall be appoint- solutions were passed, affirming the fact of lution for the election of standing committees, ed, constituted as follows, that is to say, of the Union of the Conference of the "Wescommittee to consider and report upon the government of the united church be pre-I. B. Howard, the Conference proceeded to ballot for the President. While the very hard and needed some recreation. How-Rev. Dr. Douglas gave notice of the utes. These resolutions were handed to following motion, " That the name of the the following committee to report upon:-

> and ex-Judge Wilmot, Judge Deacon, Hon. Mr. Shannon, and R. Wilkes, M. P. A consider what committees are necessary committees, and the persons of whom they The Conference then adjourned till 9 or

Saturday morning. The exact Conference statistics show the strength of the lateConference to have bee as follows :-

7.587 20,957 73,701 Eastern B. N. A.....

"OUTSIDE."-" My dear children." said an old elergyman to the children of his flock, * never forget to keep on the right side of the public-house, that is the out-side. Many misery, and many a man from the scaffold,

had be never tasted the intoxicating cup." Ohitnary.

MR. EDITOR, -In addition to an unusual number of accidents which have occurred of late in different parts of this Island, -there have been but recently removed by death from this city, quite a number of persons, among word among us. Other communions have also We will give in future issues the full text been called to give up some of their members

But one of the households of our Israel especially, has been visited by the angel of death; for the two lovely little boys, of our brother Artemas Lord, Esq., and lady, have best ve.n, and made a powerful and impressive been carried relentlessly away from the tond always so, that it was won by many a hard munity unwonted sympathy, but when it was lought fight, not with material but with moral found that little William H., a child of three weapons. He was glad to welcome the Con-years had been cut down, by some throat affections, many prayers were offered that approli-m, and to see those once alienated now printegrace might be vouchsafed to the distress ed parents. But when the second son-and only remaining child, was afflicted by the same painful disease, and nothing that was done by way of medical attendance, or change of place, could stay its progress, many hearts were convulsed with grief; and then as the reerature, in judical, political and mercantile mains of John P., a little one of less than two life of our guests, whom he welcomed as men years neared our shores, for interment with true, tried and trusted among Methodists, those of his brother, (previously buried on this grace in the interim, may they be called at some

Charlottetown, Sept. 12, 1874.